

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: August 3, 1959

FROM : SAC, Detroit (66-3360)

SUBJECT: *DSH*
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Remylet, June 30, 1959.

1. The following subjects were selected for reinterview requiring no additional authority to contact:

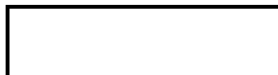


2. Names of individuals who are being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted with required Bureau authorization:

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3. Names of subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during the month of July, 1959:



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4. Number of Agents assigned to this program at the present time, in addition to their other security assignments:

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This office will continue efforts to develop additional informants in the CP, USA, and will remain alert to take advantage of any weaknesses on the part of individual subjects in order to augment our informant coverage.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 8/7/59

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (100-9959)

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Re Indianapolis letter 7/13/59.

To date it has not been possible to conclude this program; however, every effort will be to do so in the immediate future. Recent efforts to locate the two remaining individuals to be interviewed have been unsuccessful.

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Reurlet dated 7-29-59 requesting authority to interview subject under the Toplev Program.

In view of subject's employment, her past refusal to cooperate with Office of Security, United States Department of State, and inasmuch as there is no indication she would cooperate, authority is being denied to interview [Redacted] under the Toplev Program at this time.

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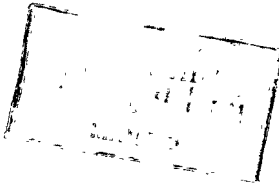
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is [Redacted] female who is a [Redacted] employed by [Redacted] New York City. On 2-19-57 she refused to cooperate with agents of the Office of Security, United States Department of State. She is presently [Redacted] NY County CP and recently selected by CP to attend leadership training school sponsored by NY County CP. Due to [Redacted] hostile attitude in the past, it is felt authority to interview under the Toplev Program at this time should be denied.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] RM
(Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT)

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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I. BACKGROUND

[redacted] female; born [redacted] NY; age [redacted]
single; high school education; [redacted] employed
by [redacted]

II. CP AFFILIATIONS

Subject reportedly a CPA and CP member since at least 1945. [redacted]
[redacted] 1956. Presently [redacted]
[redacted] NY County CP. Recently selected
by CP to attend [redacted] training school sponsored by NY County CP. Has
attended NY County CP meetings and NY State CP meetings during past 18 months.

III. PLAN OF APPROACH

Subject has never been interviewed by FBI personnel. On 2/19/57, she
refused to cooperate with agents of the Office of Security, US Department of
State who requested her passport. Authority is requested to interview subject
in accordance with outstanding instructions relating to the TOPLIV program.
If authority is granted, subject will be approached away from her employment
and residence.

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discuss Negro history and make available Negro history literature; he would discuss neighborhoods and how they should be maintained; he would discuss youth problems and how they could be overcome and other such subjects which would educate and show the Negro how to act and thus make him ready for the time when he is fully accepted into a white society.

[REDACTED] as in earlier interviews, continued to be friendly. He also admitted that his thinking, at this time, was formative and could change. He stated that the Bureau Agents could call upon him any time they so desired, but as of now, he doubted he would be of assistance.

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An additional contact will be made with [REDACTED] within the next 30 days to determine if his current attitude persists or if he might be influenced to the extent where he could conceivably be of assistance to the Bureau.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BULLENT

8/4/59

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On July 14, 1959, [redacted] was observed by
SAs J. [redacted] and [redacted] to depart her
residence at [redacted] and to
proceed one block north to the known residence of her sister,
[redacted] at the time was accompanied by her [redacted]
Shortly thereafter [redacted] departed her sister's residence,
unaccompanied, and proceeded toward [redacted]

The subject was approached and following salutations
and introductions [redacted] stated: "I have absolutely nothing
to say to the FBI". Further persuasive efforts, to engage the
subject in conversation, were rebuffed with her remark: "Look,
I couldn't live with myself if I stopped to talk with you".

The subject, though not unkindly in manner, gover-
nless, was emphatic in her desire of not wanting to deal
with the FBI.

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In view of the foregoing, no recontact with the
subject is contemplated at this time.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

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August 10, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Reurlet dated 7-28-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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Subject is on the Security Index. He currently resides at [redacted] and is employed by [redacted]

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[redacted] New Jersey. When initial request was made to interview Cohn 9-23-58, NY was denied authority in view of fact [redacted] was allegedly [redacted]

[redacted] NY State Committee of CP. ReNYlet now advises this [redacted]

[redacted] over a year ago in 1958. In view of this and because of his varied activities with regard to CP in New York, it is believed he should be contacted at this time under the Toplev Program.

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TO: SAC, [redacted] (100-3-99)
FROM: SAC, [redacted]

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RE: [redacted]

Reb date 9/23/58 and Bureau memo dated 9/30/58.

[redacted] New York State Comptroller
of the Communist Party, resides at [redacted]
He is employed by [redacted]
Law Firm.

[redacted] Bureau letter, which sought authority to
interview [redacted] under subpoenaing instructions relating to the
Hoyt matter, [redacted] has been scrupulously observed his absence
from at least one board meeting and at committee sessions
of the New York State CP as well as his attendance at three
New York State CP.

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In addition, [redacted] was observed on August 1, 1959 in attendance
at the 35th birthday celebration of "Joe Worker"; at the
New York State CP, 2, 1959 and approximately thirteen times, since
August 1958. [redacted] has been observed at 25 West 66th
Street, New York City, where in 1958 [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] of the New York State CP, as well as the
editorial office of "Joe Worker". [redacted] [redacted]
New York State CP meeting held December 4, 1958, as a possible
candidate for the position of [redacted]
[redacted] New York State CP.

Bureau letter of 9/30/58 sought authority to approach
CPNY based on the fact that no allegation was [redacted]
[redacted] coupled with the fact that there was no
information indicating that [redacted] would cooperate.

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According to [Redacted]
periodically by the New York State Committee of the CP, has
not been [Redacted]
a year ago in 1958.

Bureau Authority is requested, at this time, for
permission to make a direct approach to the subject in accord-
ance with outstanding instructions.

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SAC, Cleveland

August 12, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 7-30-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 67 g (7) (a) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted] is the owner and operator of the [redacted] Ohio, and resides at [redacted] Ohio. [redacted] has reportedly been a member of the CP since 1936 and during this period he has been active in various CP affairs.

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To: SAC, Chicago [redacted]

From: Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re: airtel 7-28-59.

Enairtel status of case pertaining to [redacted] since developments discussed in reairtel. Advise extent of his cooperation and whether loan negotiated in this case.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Chicago Office has been in contact with [redacted] to develop him as security informant. No pertinent information has been received in this case since authorization of a \$1,000 loan to be made to [redacted] which was handled telephonically on 7-29-59. Airtel being used since current data needed for possible use in budget material.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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ReNYlet 3/31/59.

On 7/29/59, a fisur was instituted in the vicinity of [redacted] residence, [redacted] by SAs JOHN J. MATTIMORE and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN.

[redacted] was observed to leave the apartment house in the company of an unknown woman. They walked together to a nearby subway station whereupon the woman entered the subway and [redacted] walked west on [redacted] in the direction of his employment. On [redacted] he was approached by SA SULLIVAN.

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The agent greeted [redacted] and pointed out he was being recontacted to determine if he had given any consideration to what had previously been discussed. [redacted] stated he had nothing to discuss and didn't appreciate being contacted by the FBI. He explained that it upsets him physically at which time he held up his hands which were shaking. The agent assured [redacted] there was nothing to be alarmed about that we were merely contacting him to seek his cooperation. He was reminded of the freedoms and liberties enjoyed here in the United States and the fact he didn't have to talk to the K.K.K. It was pointed out that in Communist controlled countries such liberties are probably not enjoyed by the citizens. The agent further explained that the interview was strictly a matter between him and the FBI and that we wanted to talk to him privately so as not to embarrass him in any way with his fellow workers or neighbors.

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[redacted] then stated he would do anything for his country and that he always had the interest of the United States at heart. He added that he had served in the armed forces in World War II, that he had stuck his neck out and had been shot at during the course of the war. The agent reminded him that if he was sincere he could start right now, assisting his country in view of his background and experience. At this point [redacted] stated that the CP in the United States was no real threat to the country.

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3-Bureau (100-3-99) (Attachments 3) (RM)

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When [redacted] belittled the importance of the CP in the United States the agent reminded him that there were still many people here who wouldn't hesitate to undermine our institutions. It was pointed out that although membership figures may have decreased there are still many current and former members of the CP who represent a threat to our security. [redacted] was advised that it is the responsibility of the FBI to know everything possible concerning any organization that might prove detrimental to our country.

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When asked if he was currently a member of the CP, [redacted] admitted that he is not currently a member. However, he wanted to state that he joined the CP, not long ago, he had been a member of then he had dropped out. [redacted] stated his only concern now was working and earning for his family. He stated that he wanted to wash his hands of the whole business. [redacted] was encouraged to be discuss at length his CP background, however, he stated only repeat that he was not currently a member of the CP.

The agent again [redacted] with the importance of cooperation with the FBI. [redacted] stated that he not only feels that it is his duty to cooperate with the FBI but also to help the FBI in its efforts. [redacted] stated that he would try to convince [redacted] that it is the duty of all citizens to help the FBI in such matters. However, he stated to discuss in detail.

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EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

[redacted] was very nervous and reluctant to cooperate to the extent with the FBI. [redacted] stated that he is not currently a member of the CP. [redacted] stated that he wanted to wash his hands of the whole business. [redacted] stated that he would try to convince [redacted] that it is the duty of all citizens to help the FBI in such matters. However, he stated to discuss in detail.

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TO : [REDACTED] (100-2-13)

DATE: 8/6/59

Date Dictated 8/3/59

FROM : [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

On July 29, 1959, [REDACTED] was interviewed in the vicinity of his residence [REDACTED] City, by Special Agent THOMAS M. SULLIVAN with Special Agent JOHN J. HATTIMORE observing.

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During the interview, when asked if he was currently a member of the CP, [REDACTED] admitted that he is not now a member. However, he refused to state when he joined the CP, how long he had been a member or when he had dropped out.

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ENCLOSURE

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SAC, New York: [redacted]

August 11, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated 8-5-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program. ~~(X)~~

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 67 D (7) (c) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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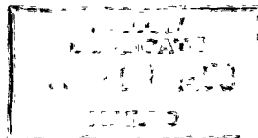
Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted] is employed as [redacted] [redacted] New York. [redacted] During the week of [redacted] subject departed for Europe for one month which trip was to include travel to Moscow, Russia. [redacted] reportedly attended NY State CP convention in 1957 and has attended numerous CP meetings and functions during 1957 and 1958. It is felt an interview under the Toplev Program at this time would be appropriate. ~~(X)~~

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DIRECTOR, FBI [(100-3-99)]
ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT
SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED]

8/5/59

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ReNYlet of 4/29/59 and 6/12/59.

[REDACTED] who has [REDACTED]
capacity within the [REDACTED] CP, described for Europe, during the week of [REDACTED]
a vacation trip to last one month. Trip expected to include arrival
to Moscow, Russia. [REDACTED]

It is felt that an interview of the subject, under
oath and in the presence of a representative of the New York State
Department of Social Services, would be beneficial at this time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] fearful of losing his present job, has advised
that he would be normally one of the individuals in a location
that was not very important. According to [REDACTED] an
informant within the [REDACTED] an indication by
himself, would cause a collapse of the [REDACTED] Club which he is
member and where [REDACTED] is the club organizer. According to
[REDACTED] he is the only person who can get the [REDACTED]
qualifications to be able to run the club. [REDACTED]
the club would [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
the club would [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
now on order. [REDACTED]

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Therefore Bureau authority, to conduct this interview,
is hereby requested. If granted, [REDACTED] will be approached away
from his residence and employment and in such a manner so as to
preclude the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

[REDACTED] outset of the interview, the Bureau's office in
regard to labor relations matters will be explained to him in
view of the nature of his employment. [REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 8/11/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

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SUBJECT: CP, USA
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On 8/6/59. at approximately 2:00 PM, SAS GERHARD P. HUNDT and [redacted] contacted the subject under secure conditions.

Subject greeted the agents in a courteous manner but it was obvious he was disturbed about something. In a short time, he volunteered that he had just returned from New York City where he had been interrogated by the HCUA. He stated he had previously been subpoenaed. He indicated that he had not cooperated with the committee but was not specific. He indicated his extreme disapproval of and disgust at having been subpoenaed. He implied that he considered it a hostile act designed to intimidate him. He implied that he would have appeared voluntarily if he had been requested to do so and that a subpoena was entirely unnecessary.

The agents carefully and emphatically explained that the FBI had in no way initiated the HCUA action and had no official connection with such action. [redacted] did not contest these statements and appeared to be satisfied.

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The agents briefly reviewed the information previously furnished by [redacted] regarding his attitude regarding the CP and its policies. He was reminded he had previously claimed that he would be more effective against the Party by working apart from the FBI. He was reminded of his plans to [redacted] his experiences and conclusions. It was observed that he had not, as yet, started his independent action but that if he was to do so, he would need current information regarding the CP if he was to [redacted] authoritatively. He was advised that we also need current

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information regarding the CP. He was advised that in view of his current attitude, it would appear he could help us at the same time he gathered information for himself.

[redacted] did not disagree with any of the above remarks except to say that he intended to write from an historical point of view, would not re-enter the CP, and had no intention of seeking current information. He said he felt confident he could accurately predict how current CP members would react under a given set of circumstances and had no need of current detailed information.

Since [redacted] previously had emphasized how contemptuously he would feel toward anyone who would take money to assist the FBI, the subject of financial compensation was not approached.

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[redacted] appeared to have given the entire matter considerable thought and seemed to be quite firm in the attitudes he expressed.

The contact was cordially terminated by the Special Agents at 3:05 PM. [redacted] was very friendly and stated that his entire attitude toward the FBI had been changed by the conversations with the agents.

Evaluation

In view of the unfortunate coincidence regarding the HCUA subpoena, it is not felt that further attempts to interview the subject should be made at this time.

After a reasonable period of time, additional efforts might be considered.

This case is being closed administratively.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 8/11/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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Re Newark letter to Bureau dated 6/26/59 and Bureau authority to interview subject dated 7/7/59.

During July, 1959, the subject was surveilled approximately 12 times on his way to and from work in an effort to contact him under secure conditions. All efforts were unsuccessful inasmuch as the subject is invariably accompanied by other persons. These conditions exist so frequently and so consistently that it is felt subject suspects he may be contacted and is making efforts to avoid it. This is not because he has detected efforts to contact him. If he does suspect, it was because of the large number of interviews now being conducted under this and other programs.

It is pointed out that the subject has never been closely involved in factionalist activities. He appears to be an orthodox Party member. For this reason, it is not felt his potential as an informant justifies continued efforts to contact him at the present time.

UACB, the Newark Office will discontinue its efforts to contact the subject at the present time and again attempt to contact the subject in approximately six months.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

3/5/59

SAC, CHICAGO [redacted]

ATTN: A. H. BELMONT,
Assistant Director

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV PROGRAM
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[redacted] has been assigned symbol number [redacted] in view of his agreement on July 23, 1959, to assist the Bureau. He has been assigned the code name [redacted] For the time being he will be described as a source who has furnished insufficient information to ascertain reliability.

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SA CARL N. FREYMAN met [redacted]

[redacted] from approximately 7:30 p.m. until 9:40 p.m. on the evening of July 23, 1959.

At the outset of the interview, [redacted] stated that after carefully reviewing the previous discussions he had concluded after reviewing his eighteen years in the Communist Party (CP) that he could truthfully state that he had never seen nor heard evidence of control of the CP, USA by the CP of the Soviet Union even though he had been a member of the

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[redacted]
the CP, USA.

On the other hand, [redacted] admitted that positive assertions of control of the political line and the CP in the United States by the CP, Soviet Union, had aroused his curiosity. He said that he had decided to stay in the CP, USA, in order to ascertain for himself whether or not the CP, Soviet Union, is controlling the CP, USA. He said that he would furnish any information he obtained along these lines, but wanted to do this without any ties or obligations to anyone, including the FBI. He pointed out that he did not believe that he would be able to give full cooperation to the United States Government without first proving to himself that the CP, USA, is controlled by the CP, Soviet Union, so that he would have a moral basis for giving full cooperation on communist activities to the United States

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Government. He also stated that he still believed in socialism, that he believed in obtaining socialism only by means of the ballot, and that he did not think his views would ever change in this regard.

Agent FREYMAN then discussed in some length and very generally the history of the CP, USA, and pointed out that it had participated in the activities of the Communist International, sent students to Russia to study at the Lenin School, has always strictly followed the line of the CP, Soviet Union, even when that line made sharp turns, especially during the time of the Hitler-Stalin Pact. It was also pointed out to [REDACTED] that JIM JACKSON and GEORGE MORRIS have been lecturing on their attendance at the 21st Congress of the CP, Soviet Union, and that it is reasonable to conclude that they received instructions and guidance during their stay in the Soviet Union.

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It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that even the reading of newspapers and periodicals in the United States reflects that there has been an intensification of communist activity in Central and South America. It is, therefore, apparent to any thinking man that at least circumstantial evidence exists to demonstrate that communism is a world-wide system, and that the CP, USA, is a part and parcel of this system. [REDACTED] was told that because [REDACTED] CP, USA, [REDACTED] to obtain information concerning international communism and the role played by the CP, USA, and the international conspiracy. It was suggested to him that since [REDACTED] to the first Smith Act trial that perhaps the top leadership of the CP, USA, had not confided in other members of the national leadership for the past several years in order to minimize the possibility of prosecution for conspiracy to overthrow the Government of the United States.

[REDACTED] stated that if he could first verify for himself, what was described to him as circumstantial evidence, he would consider going all the way in helping the United States Government in the investigation of communist activities.

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[REDACTED] then said that there were some family matters which were preventing him from agreeing to assist the FBI at this time. He stated that he has [REDACTED] of them are residing in [REDACTED] his first wife. He said that in the future he would like to move to California in order to visit his [REDACTED] there more frequently. In addition, his brother, [REDACTED] was formerly a member of [REDACTED]

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the CP. has broken completely with the communist ideology, and [redacted] the Vice-President of the United Packinghouse Workers of America [redacted] current activity in that union. In this manner, [redacted] had hoped that he could [redacted] but the opposite resulted and he is very much upset. Also, a contract [redacted] was recently cancelled after he had been asked if his brother is [redacted] also stated that he has a sister who is [redacted]

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[redacted] He commented that in the past his activities had hurt both his brother and sister, and further communist activities on his part may cause them further financial losses through lost job opportunities.

[redacted] then said that at the present time he could not agree to testify nor does he feel that he could ever agree to testify ~~though~~ he could not agree to assist the FBI. [redacted] was told that the purpose of asking for his assistance was not to obtain a witness at this time. Further, that the Government would not use a hostile witness, and that his sentiments in this regard would probably change as he demonstrated to himself the dangerousness of the communist movement to the American way of life.

[redacted] was again told that there is a need for his services in obtaining information at a [redacted] and this would include information concerning the international connections of the CP, USA. [redacted] was asked how he planned to ascertain for himself that the CP, USA, policy is or is not controlled by the CP, Soviet Union, and the international communist movement. He said that he would have to be re-elected to the [redacted] and this would be a difficult task since he lost a large number of national contacts because of his recent inactivity. Therefore, during the next few months he planned to [redacted]

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[redacted] the Illinois District. This [redacted] would start with a gradual increase in activity at the [redacted]

[redacted] commented that he was a member of the [redacted] the 16th National Convention and had drafted that portion of the constitution which gives the districts authority to elect some [redacted] members. [redacted] also stated that recently [redacted] member, had visited him and had asked him to seek re-election to

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the [redacted] He said that [redacted]
of the CP of Illinois, had asked him to attend the recent meeting of
the [redacted] and also to seek re-election on the [redacted]
[redacted] of the CP, USA.

[redacted] was asked if he had considered the possibility that
the national leadership was not happy with the selection of [redacted]
[redacted] members through the plan adopted at the 16th National
Convention, and that an effort might be made to circumvent the con-
stitution and elect all the [redacted] members at the National
Convention. [redacted] admitted that he had not considered this possibility.
He was also asked if he had considered the possibility that he has
created enemies through inactivity, or that the Party might consider
him a "lost cause" because of his inactivity and failure to carry out
assignments. At this point [redacted] said, "Maybe I do need help on
this thing--I guess I have been inactive too long.

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[redacted] also expressed concern that if he worked for the
Government and was exposed he might be subjected to bodily harm. He
was assured that the FBI would take every precaution possible to main-
tain his security and that if he were exposed it would be through his
own doing and not through that of the FBI. He was also advised that
his problems in regard to security as well as his personal problems
would continue to be of vital concern to the FBI and that when confronted
with such problems he should discuss them freely with the contacting agent.

At this point, [redacted] remarked that he has a lot of personal
problems. He said that his wife, [redacted] had given him
consent to reactivate in the CP during the past week provided that he
would keep his position in [redacted] and would not operate as a
full-time Party functionary. She also stated that she wanted to return
to [redacted] on or about September 1, 1959, so that they would
be able to get along financially. Concerning his financial problems, he
said that he owed \$600 in alimony to his first wife for the support of
his [redacted] He said that he pays \$80 a month alimony for nine
months of the year and \$100 per month in April, October and December.
His payments are in arrears since [redacted] had to quit working during
pregnancy. He also stated that his monthly rent is \$113, and that he
was about to be evicted since he had been unable to raise the rent for
the current month because his wife is unemployed. He said that he had
been considering seeking loans from friends in the CP. He was then asked
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After some deliberation and further discussion, [redacted]
said that he would accept a loan and for the time being would accept
monthly the amount he has to pay for the support of his [redacted]
[redacted] and would also accept money for necessary expenses.

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A plan of action for [redacted] was then discussed. It was decided that he would contact [redacted] and obtain from him details of the last meeting of the [redacted] and any documents issued at the meeting. Then he would study the written material, make discreet and carefully selected contacts with members in the leadership of the Illinois District, and would offer some suggestions concerning the Party documents prepared for the [redacted]. He also agreed to write to [redacted] who he described as his closest friend, and to [redacted] expressing regret that he was unable to attend the last [redacted] meeting and would also convey favorable comment on any resolutions adopted at the last [redacted] meeting. [redacted] also agreed to attend the meeting of the [redacted] of the CP of Illinois scheduled for August 9, 1959, and stated that he would strive to become the [redacted] the CP of Illinois. He agreed to discuss in advance with the contacting agent any change in these proposed plans.

It was agreed that the agent would meet [redacted] on July 29, 1959, in regard to the financial proposals. On July 29, 1959, he was given \$600 with the understanding that it was a loan to be paid within two years. He was most appreciative and pledged full cooperation to the FBI. He stated that at the end of two weeks he would make a progress report which would include information he obtains in regard to the last meeting of the [redacted].

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Observations

[redacted] has been contacted four times since February, 1959. The following observations are set forth for consideration in regard to future TOPLEV interviews:

(1) [redacted] indicated that he had initially agreed to engage in discussions because he had been approached by only one agent and at a secure place. At that time the only pointed questions asked concerned his current status in the CP. Later he stated that he was willing at that time to clarify his CP position as well as his wife's for the record, but that if any other questions had been asked he would have immediately discontinued the contact. The agent also promised that he would not disturb [redacted] at his home or place of employment.

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(2) During the interviews [redacted] asked how long the agent had been with the FBI and the length of his experience in security work. He was told that it was 13½ years, and he commented that the agent should know this field well.

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(3) It was suggested that [redacted] call the Chicago Office so as to avoid calls to his residence and place of employment. While [redacted] hesitated and this necessitated some calls to his place of employment he finally called the agent through the latter's secretary. It is believed that the knowledge that the contacting agent had a secretary made [redacted] feel that the agent had some official position and thus was speaking with some authority.

(4) The argument which seemed to impress [redacted] the most was that the CP, USA, is part of the international communist movement and that even [redacted] in the leadership of the CP, USA, probably had not confided in him with regard to details of the relationship of the CP, USA, with other CPs. [redacted] was made to consider the possibility that he had been deceived by persons in the top leadership of the CP, USA.

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(5) It is believed that [redacted] was affected by the willingness of the Bureau to assist him in solving his financial problems in return for his assistance in the investigation of the international communist movement. While [redacted] has so far consented to accept only those sums needed for alimony payments and necessary expenses, based on past experience it is believed that this situation will gradually change and that it will be beneficial to the Bureau from the standpoint of control.

Recommendation

Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT telephonically and in Bureau airtel, dated July 28, 1959, authorized payment of up to \$100 per week plus any necessary expenses. UACB it will be assumed that this authority is for a four-month period. Further authority for a long-term loan up to \$1,000 was orally granted by Assistant Director BELMONT on July 28, 1959.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

DATE: 8/3/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP USA
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I. BACKGROUND

Subject is a [redacted] male, who was born [redacted] Maryland. From 1923 to 1943, he was employed as a [redacted] N. J. From 1948 to 1956, he was employed full time by the UERMWA on both a local and national level. In 1933, he married [redacted] but by 1950 this marriage had terminated in divorce. In 1954, he married [redacted] a widow. The marriage took place at [redacted] N. J. [redacted] woman. Since 1956, the subject has been self-employed as a [redacted]

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Subject resides at [redacted] N. J.

Subject was rejected from military service due to poor eyesight.

Subject is known to have [redacted]

There is no reason to believe the subject's health is other than good. / 100-3-99-

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Subject is believed to have joined the CP in [redacted] N. J. in 1943, at which time he was a [redacted] employee. During the period 1944-1948, he was elected a member of the New Jersey CP [redacted] to the New Jersey CP State Convention, attended CP classes, [redacted] and was made a member of the New Jersey CP [redacted] During this period, he was also active in the UERMWA as a [redacted] and CP member. In 1948, subject was present at a CP discussion when a statement was made to the effect that a revolution will

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come to the United States in conjunction with the war with Russia and that such a revolution would be accompanied by violence. During this same year, he was listed as a [redacted]

In 1950, the subject was under consideration as a New Jersey CP [redacted]. During 1951, [redacted] but most of his attention appears to have been devoted to [redacted]. He gained sufficient prominence in this activity to be elected [redacted] the NNLC. He continued to be very active in the NNLC until its dissolution in 1956. During this entire period, he also continued to be an [redacted] the UT. During the period 1951-1956, subject was [redacted] UPRMWA.

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During the 1956-1959 period with the lessening of the NNLC, the subject became more active in New Jersey CP affairs. During this period, he invited [redacted] to his home, became a member of the [redacted] N. J. CP, [redacted] the funeral of JAMES FORD, former CP Presidential nominee, was elected a member of the New Jersey CP [redacted] became a member of the [redacted] CP Committee, was [redacted] to the Eastern Regional Conference of the CP in May, 1959, and in 1959 was known to be a CP member and to have attended CP conferences on the negro question.

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As late as April, 1959, subject is known to have disagreed with the National CP line regarding the abandonment of the classic "self-determination" principle. Subject sided with the [redacted] within the New Jersey CP.

Since April, 1959, there is no known CP activity on the part of the subject. His current position within the Party is unknown.


III. METHOD OF APPROACH

It is anticipated that the subject can be securely contacted after he leaves his residence en route to one of the places of employment during the day.

There is every indication that the subject was motivated to join the CP by his overwhelming interest in the problem of the negro.



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Efforts will be made to point out to 
how the CP has failed to assist the negro.

IV. REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY

Bureau authority is requested to contact the
subject in accordance with existing instructions pertaining
to TOPLFV Program interviews.

DIRECTOR, FBI

July 24, 1959

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The subject was interviewed by surprise in the vicinity of his residence by SA on June 27, 1959.

The subject when approached and advised of the identity of the Agent, immediately asked the nature of the inquiry. When advised that the Agent would like to discuss with him the Communist Party (CP) and its policies, the subject stated that he knew nothing about the CP. He stated he had been contacted by FBI Agents previously and told them he had nothing to discuss and that he still has nothing to discuss with the Agent.

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was asked if he would care to discuss his own affiliations with the CP, and he replied that he has no connections with the CP. The subject was then asked if he ever had any connections with the CP, to which he replied that he considered that a personal question and that he had nothing more to say. The subject was asked one or two more questions, but he failed to answer and merely repeated each time that he had nothing more to say.

In view of the above, no further consideration is given to recontacting the subject, and the results of this interview will be incorporated in the next annual report submitted concerning the subject.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
MEMO: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. M. BELMONT

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Re letter 6/4/59.

On 7/17/59, SAS [redacted] and ERIC B.

TOVAL observed [redacted] driving his car in a certain section of [redacted], N.Y. When he parked to purchase a newspaper, two agents walked over toward his car and when [redacted] returned he was joined by [redacted] and acknowledged their presence in a friendly fashion. [redacted] remarked that he was on his way to give a public lesson and did not have much time to talk.

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The agents said they did not wish to detain him from his appointment, but [redacted] were very glad where they would like to talk with him. [redacted] replied that he did not wish to answer any questions about individuals but was willing to discuss general aspects of Communism. Referring to KRUSCHENKO's recent behavior and utterances in Poland, [redacted] remarked that he believed that the Soviets were really sincere in their avowed desire for peace. [redacted] said he reasoned that further world conflict could only result in the eventual complete destruction of humanity.

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Commenting on the current visit of the Soviet track team to the U. S., [redacted] said that such an opportunity could do much toward promoting better understanding between the U. S. and the U. S. S. R. He also mentioned the Soviet exhibit at the New York Coliseum in this connection, and added that he had recently taken [redacted] to see a Russian film showing

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highlights of Soviet cultural achievement. The agents expressed the hope that [redacted] the opportunity to see comparable films of American cultural attainments.

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[redacted] smiled, and remarked that he would have to be on his way to his music lesson. The agents shook hands with him and said they would see him again.

[redacted] again showed a friendly attitude toward the agents, and it is believed that further contact with him is warranted. An attempt will be made to reinterview him in approximately 45 days, and the Bureau will be advised of the results.

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July 2, 1959

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Authority is granted to contact [redacted] wherever possible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the copy in [redacted].

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 07 D (7) (a) of Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on Security Index. She resides at [redacted] NY; unemployed housewife. [redacted] has a history of CP since at least 1951 when she joined the CP in NYC.

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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BACKGROUND

[redacted] female, born [redacted]
[redacted] Minnesota, age [redacted] married to [redacted] (active
CP member) 10/7/50, [redacted] attended
[redacted] Minnesota, 1947;
resident of [redacted] NY;
unemployed housewife.

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CP AFFILIATION

Subject reportedly joined the CP in NYC about 1951.
She has attended [redacted] meetings of the [redacted]
CP since at least 1957. In September 1959, subject, then a
[redacted] was made a
member of the [redacted]
[redacted] Brooklyn, NY. Subject is
an attractive young woman who for an undetermined period of
time has reportedly had an intimate relationship with [redacted]
[redacted] She lives in the same building
as [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] member, immediately next-door to
his apartment.

PLAN OF APPROACH

It is requested that Bureau authority be granted to
contact subject pursuant to outstanding instructions of the
TOPLEV program. If granted, subject will be approached away
from her residence. Subject has never before been interviewed.

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[redacted] formerly held the positions of [redacted]
[redacted] CP, and in
1950 was referred to as a [redacted]
Queens. On 5/13/58 he declined to cooperate when contacted, but
was not hostile.

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

On 6/9/59 [redacted] was observed in the vicinity of his
residence, [redacted]. He was approached in a
secure location by SAs Edward W. Buckley and Chester A. Reilly.
[redacted] was reminded of his previous conversation with the agents.
It was pointed out to him that many of his former associates in the
CP had left the Party. It was suggested that he might now be will-
ing to have a confidential talk with the agents. [redacted] shook
his head and waved the agents away, saying, "I don't want to talk
to you. I've got nothing to say. You know more about what's going
on than I do. I know where you are and if I ever want to get in
touch with the FBI I know how to reach you." [redacted] started to
walk rapidly away and the agents accompanied him for a short distance,
raising various points in an effort to gain his confidence. [redacted]
[redacted] refused to reply, and when it became evident that he did not
intend to cooperate, the interview was terminated.

In view of his attitude, no further consideration is being
given for a recontact with [redacted] under the Toplev Program.

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Reurlet dated 8-4-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 (2) (c) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted] is male Negro who resides at [redacted] and is employed by [redacted]

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[redacted] New York City. Subject has been active in CP affairs since approximately 1957 [redacted] at May Day 1959 Celebration, Union Square, New York City. He is also [redacted] New York City.

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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I. BACKGROUND

[redacted] male, born [redacted] Ill., age [redacted] single; high school education; honorable discharge from US Army 1946; resident [redacted] NY; employed by [redacted] NYC.

II. CP AFFILIATIONS

[redacted] the Peoples Rights Party 1957-58. He was reregistered for CP membership, 12/7/57 by NY [redacted] He attended meetings of NY County CP Committee 1958 and 1959. Subject [redacted] (among CP leaders and others) at May Day 1959 Celebration, Union Square, NYC. [redacted] NYC.

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III. PLAN OF APPROACH

[redacted] has not been interviewed before. There is no possibility of jeopardizing the closed investigation of [redacted] IS - R, with whom subject has resided. Subject will be approached away from his residence and occupation. Authorization to interview subject in accordance with outstanding instructions of the TOPLIN program is hereby requested.

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Reurlet dated 7-24-59.

Authority is granted to recontact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this reinterview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on the Security Index. [redacted] is single and presently resides at [redacted] New York. She is employed as [redacted]

[redacted] When initially interviewed, 12-2-55, subject stated she had nothing to say to the FBI, that she wanted nothing to do with the FBI and the FBI should stay away from her. In the past, [redacted] various [redacted] positions in the Party and there is no indication, according to New York, that she has left the CP. In view of [redacted] in CP activities, it is felt a reinterview at this time is warranted. It is not foreseeable that reinterview of [redacted] under secure conditions could result in embarrassment to the Bureau and such interview is being authorized.

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT

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ReBulet dated 11/18/58 instructing that individuals of a Toplev character be considered for interview.

Background

Birth: [redacted] New York.

Marital Status:

[redacted] is single.

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Residence:

[redacted] resides at [redacted] New York.

Employment:

[redacted] is a [redacted]
[redacted] New York.

C.P. Affiliation:

[redacted] joined the CP in 1938; during early 1940's held various [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended a CPA [redacted] Meeting; during late 1940's held [redacted] positions in [redacted] CP, and was scheduled to attend a NYS CP Training School; in 1950 was an [redacted] CP, and was employed by the [redacted] CP; during 1956 was an [redacted] [redacted] There is no indication that she has left the CP. On 12/2/55 she was contacted under the Security Informant Program and was uncooperative.

Plan of Approach

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject pursuant to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If such authority is granted she will be approached for interview on the street away from her residence or employment.

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Director, FBI (100-3-10)

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Reurlet dated 6-10-59.

Agency is requested to contact [Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the T-1 V program.

If this interview is not completed within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 7 D (7) (c) of Manual of Instructions.

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Subject is on Security Index. He is married to [Redacted] and employed as a [Redacted] assigned to the [Redacted] by NY Central at Grand Central Terminal, NYC. [Redacted] resides at [Redacted], NY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-...)

DATE: 8/3/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK

SUBJECT:

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Memulet 7/1/59 authorizing interview of [redacted]

Efforts to contact [redacted] under secure conditions have to date been unsuccessful.

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There has been no change in [redacted] circumstances to mitigate against interview. Efforts to contact the subject under secure conditions will continue for the next 30 days.

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Director, FBI (100-3-92) [redacted]

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Additional authority is granted to conduct
[redacted] wherever possible in accordance with outstanding
instructions under the airtel program.

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If this interview is not conducted within
30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 47 of
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted]
is employed as a [redacted]
[redacted] New York, and presently
resides at [redacted] New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

7/27/59

SAC, [redacted]

COMMUNIST Party, USA
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Efforts to locate the subject for the purpose of conducting an interview under outstanding instructions relating to the [redacted] were during June (D 205 dated 6/19/59) and continued during the month of July, were unproductive.

No information has been developed subsequent to the time authority to conduct the interview was [redacted] which would facilitate conducting the interview at this time.

Therefore it is requested that Bureau authority be [redacted] to continue efforts for the next thirty days.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) DATE: 7/29/59
(ATT: ASST. DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT)

J. [unclear]
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA-TOPLEV
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[redacted] who is [redacted]
[redacted] CP, USA,
has been selected as a person to be approached under the
Toplev Program.

Background

[redacted]
[redacted] is a male [redacted] US citizen, having been
born [redacted] Michigan. He is separated from
his wife, and resides at [redacted]
[redacted] CP [redacted] is paid \$75.00 per
week as [redacted] graduated from
[redacted] Michigan, in 1941, and
then enrolled in the [redacted]
[redacted] Louisiana, from which he withdrew 1/1/44. [redacted]
has no record of military service, and has no arrest record.
On [redacted] Certificate
of Identification, [redacted] and a Certificate of Service,
US Messman, [redacted]. He completed 18 voyages between 2/18/44,
and 8/12/49.

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Communist Affiliations

In May, 1943, [redacted] name was on a list of persons
attending a school sponsored by the New York State CP. At
that time, he was a member of the [redacted]
[redacted] CP.

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In January, 1949, [redacted] was found to be in possession of a large quantity of CP literature while serving as a [redacted] aboard the [redacted]

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In April, 1951, [redacted] was serving as [redacted] the CP in the New Orleans area, and later that year, he was made [redacted] the CP in the [redacted] area. Still later in that year, he became [redacted] the CP for Louisiana. He continued in this post through 1955.

In 1956, [redacted] was in NYC and acted as a [redacted]

In the fall of 1958, [redacted] began to handle some of the matters previously handled by [redacted] relative to the [redacted] on 12/6/58, [redacted] introduced [redacted] to a meeting of the [redacted] CP, USA, as [redacted] work. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a veteran of work in the South, having been previously in Louisiana for about 6 years and working in other parts of the South for the past two years as a member of the [redacted]. At this [redacted] report on the Negro policy.

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While [redacted] the 21st Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union in January, 1959, [redacted] assumed [redacted] relative to Negro and [redacted] CP, USA.

During 1959, [redacted] has attended meetings of the [redacted] CP, USA, and meetings of [redacted] CP [redacted] held at CP Headquarters in NYC. He has also attended meetings of the [redacted] and the [redacted] the Michigan CP. He has been described as an up and coming member for the [redacted] CP, USA.

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In view of the foregoing, authority is requested to interview [REDACTED]. If such authority is granted, the approach will be made by two agents after he has been surveilled to a discreet distance from his residence under existing provisions of the Toplev Program.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

August 11, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated 8-4-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (2) (b) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted] resides at [redacted] New York, and is employed by the [redacted] New York. In April, 1959, he was named [redacted] CP.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
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[redacted] CP, has
been selected as an individual to be approached under outstand-
ing instructions relating to the Toplev program.

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[redacted] male, born [redacted]
New York, a citizen by virtue of birth, resides at [redacted]
New York. [redacted] is employed by the [redacted]
New York. Records
available disclose [redacted] attended [redacted]
New York (1948-50); [redacted]
New York (1958: [redacted]
New York (1958: [redacted]
served in the U. S. Army
from [redacted]

AFFILIATION

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In April 1959, at a meeting of the [redacted] CP
[redacted] was named [redacted]
CP. [redacted] an active Communist, had, in 1957, [redacted]
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN who sought public office
under the banner of the People's Rights Party. During this
time [redacted] is known to have stated that he was attempting to
Communist Youth Groups in Brooklyn. Following this
[redacted] progressive Youth Matters
in that he met on numerous occasions with the [redacted]
[redacted] and the Marxist Group of the [redacted]
(composed of CP and non-CP members, directed by

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CP members and has as its aim the presentation of the Marxist viewpoint to the youth on all points of issue). In addition

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[redacted]
[redacted] has also been observed in attendance at Meetings of the following groups: [redacted]

[redacted] activities also included attendance at the [redacted]

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PLAN OF APPROACH

Bureau Authority is requested for permission to approach [redacted] in a manner as prescribed by outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev program.

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SAC, Cleveland [redacted]

August 11, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-59) [redacted]

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 7-21-59.

It is noted that [redacted] is not on the Security Index and is not active in the Communist Party on a high level. He does not qualify for interview under the Toplev Program and authority to contact him in that regard is not granted.

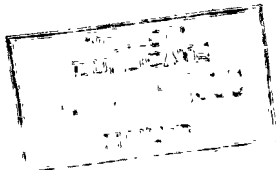
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Re Cleveland letter dated 7/1/59, captioned COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, TOPLEV, IS-C.

Bureau authority is requested to interview captioned subject. For the Bureau's consideration in evaluating this request, the following background information concerning the subject is set forth.

1. The subject was born on [redacted] at [redacted]

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2. The subject was married to [redacted] on [redacted] Ohio. In 1944, [redacted] was considered as a [redacted] in this office. It is noted, however, that no information is available indicating recent Communist Party activity on the part of subject's wife.

3. [redacted] is a citizen of the [redacted]

4. Subject's Selective Service record reflects that he claimed 8 years grade school, and 2 years trade school education, the date and place not being indicated.

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5. The 1958 [redacted] Ohio City Directory lists the subject's occupation as [redacted]. The name of subject's employer is not known.

6. The subject currently resides at [redacted] Ohio.

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7. [redacted] was active in the [redacted] in 1937 to 1940, during which time he lead several "marches" protesting lack of relief payments, non-Communist affidavits required by the WPA, etc. He was reported as a Communist Party member in 1940 and in that year, he was described as the [redacted] the Communist Party in Ohio. In 1940, [redacted] was also identified as the Communist Party [redacted] Ohio. He served as a [redacted] in 1940, and in 1941, he was reported to be in charge of [redacted] throughout Ohio. In 1941, former [redacted] reported that [redacted] was employed by the Communist Party of Ohio at a salary of \$20.00 per week. In 1941, the subject was reported in attendance at several meetings of Communist Party [redacted] in Cleveland, and in the same year, he was identified as an [redacted] Communist Party [redacted] in Cleveland. The subject continued his activity in the Communist Party during 1942, but by 1943, former [redacted] advised that the subject was no longer active in the Communist Party. [redacted] was reported in attendance at occasional Communist Party meetings in 1946, and in [redacted] [redacted] INS for deportation proceedings. These proceedings, however, failed to terminate in subject's deportation due to expiration of the Statute of Limitations. In 1951, the subject attended meetings of the Cleveland [redacted] for the Protection of Foreign Born, and his activity in connection with this group continued through 1958. In 1958 to 1959, [redacted] was reported to be a subscriber to the Daily Worker. On [redacted] [redacted] a Communist Party banquet given in honor of GUS HALL.

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8. It is believed that an interview with the subject would serve to determine his present sympathies with respect to the Communist Party and, on the other hand, would assist in determining his attitude toward the United States Government. It is further believed that, should the subject exhibit a cooperative attitude, he would offer excellent potentialities with respect to development as a security informant.

9. It is contemplated that the subject will be interviewed by two agents who are experienced in conducting interviews with security subjects. The interview will be conducted in a secure locality away from the subject's residence, and place of employment. In the event the subject exhibits a cooperative attitude, no effort will be made during the initial interview to direct his activities. The Bureau will be immediately

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informed concerning the results of the interview, and appropriate recommendations will be made concerning further contacts with the subject looking toward his development as a potential security informant.

It is noted that the subject's file does not reflect that he is actively engaged in either the journalistic or trade union fields.

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1 - Mr. Rose

SAC, New York [redacted]

August 6, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet dated 7-24-59.

Authority is granted to conduct interview with [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Trooper.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 57-7 (7) (e) II, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted]
resides at [redacted] New York,
and [redacted]
[redacted] New York. He is a long-
time member of the CP & has held [redacted]
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT

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ReBulet dated 11/18/58 instructing that individuals of a Toplev character be considered for interview.

Background

Birth:

[redacted] was born on [redacted] New York.

Marital Status:

[redacted] married [redacted]

Residence:

[redacted] resides at [redacted] New York.

Employment:

[redacted] is a [redacted]

[redacted] New York.

C.P. Affiliation:

[redacted] is a long time member of the CP, and has held [redacted] positions in the State of Michigan. During 1958 he was accused of white chauvinism, but charges were not officially made. Although he [redacted] in April 1958, in May 1958 he was reported to have recovered and continued his CP activity: holding the position of member of the [redacted] as late as September 1958. [redacted] the Smith Act were dismissed in September 1958.

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Plan of Approach

Bureau authority is requested to interview [redacted] pursuant to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If such authority is granted [redacted] will be approached for interview on the street away from his residence or employment.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

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Reurlet dated 7-29-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 57 D (7) (c) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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Subject is on the Security Index. He is [redacted] and resides at [redacted] while [redacted] CP [redacted] attending 21st Congress of CP of Soviet Union in [redacted] CPUSA. In view of his up and coming position in CP affairs, it is felt interview with him at this time should be attempted.

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DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

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SAC, CLEVELAND [redacted]

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TOPLEV

Re Cleveland letter dated 5/28/59, captioned COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, TOPLIV, IS-C. Re report of SA JOHN L. STANLEY, dated 4/8/59, captioned as above.

Bureau authority is requested to interview captioned subject under the TOPLEV Program of this office. In support of this request, the following background information is submitted for the Bureau's consideration.

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1. Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics reflect that the subject was born on [redacted] Chic.

2. The subject is married to [redacted] a woman of [redacted] whom the subject married in [redacted]. The time and place of subject's marriage is unknown.

3. The subject is a native born citizen of the United States.

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4. Subject's file reflects that he was taken to [redacted] by his parents at the age of 3 years, and that he did not return to the United States until 1938. It appears that the subject received his education in [redacted] though the extent of subject's education is unknown. The notation in subject's Selective Service record indicates that he received 8 years primary and 2 years high school education.

5. Subject is the [redacted] [redacted] Ohio.

6. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Ohio.

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7. [redacted] has been reported as a member of the Communist Party from 1936 to 1959. During the period of 1938 to 1952, he actively participated in the IWO. In 1949 to 1956, he was active in, and contributed financially to the Civil Rights Congress. In 1953, [redacted] the Smith Act Defendants. In 1955, [redacted] was in contact with [redacted] in Washington D.C. In 1958, the subject was reported to have attended a meeting of the Communist Party [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] has been active in [redacted] in Cleveland for many years and has worked to [redacted] various nationality groups and their publications. On [redacted] the subject attended a banquet given by the Communist Party in honor of GUS HALL, on the occasion of HALL's return to open Communist Party activity.

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8. It is believed that an interview with the subject, at this time, will materially assist in determining his attitude toward the Communist party and, conversely, his attitude toward cooperation toward the United States Government. It is further believed that should [redacted] prove to be cooperative during the initial interview, he would offer excellent potentialities with respect to further development as a security informant of this office.

9. The subject will be interviewed by two agents who are experienced in security matters, and the conduct of security type interviews. It is contemplated that the subject will be approached in a secure locality away from his residence and place of employment. In the event that the subject exhibits a cooperative attitude, no effort will be made to direct his activities during the initial interview. The Bureau will be immediately advised of the results of the interview and appropriate recommendations will be made at that time with respect to further contacts with the subject relative to his development as a potential security informant. For the Bureau's further information, it is noted that the subject's file does not reflect that he is actively engaged in labor union or journalistic activities.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

DATE: 7/30/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK b7D

SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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Rebulet 6/24/59, and NYlet 6/30/59.

I. The names of subjects who are being considered for recontact under the Toplev Program requiring no additional Bureau authority for recontact are as follows:

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II. The names of subjects who are being considered for interview for the first time under the Toplev Program and in each case Bureau authority will be requested. The names of subjects who were previously interviewed under the Toplev Program but because of their position in the newspaper field, etc., additional Bureau authority will be requested, are as follows:

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III. The following subjects have either been recontacted or interviewed for the first time under the Toplev Program during the month of July, 1959:

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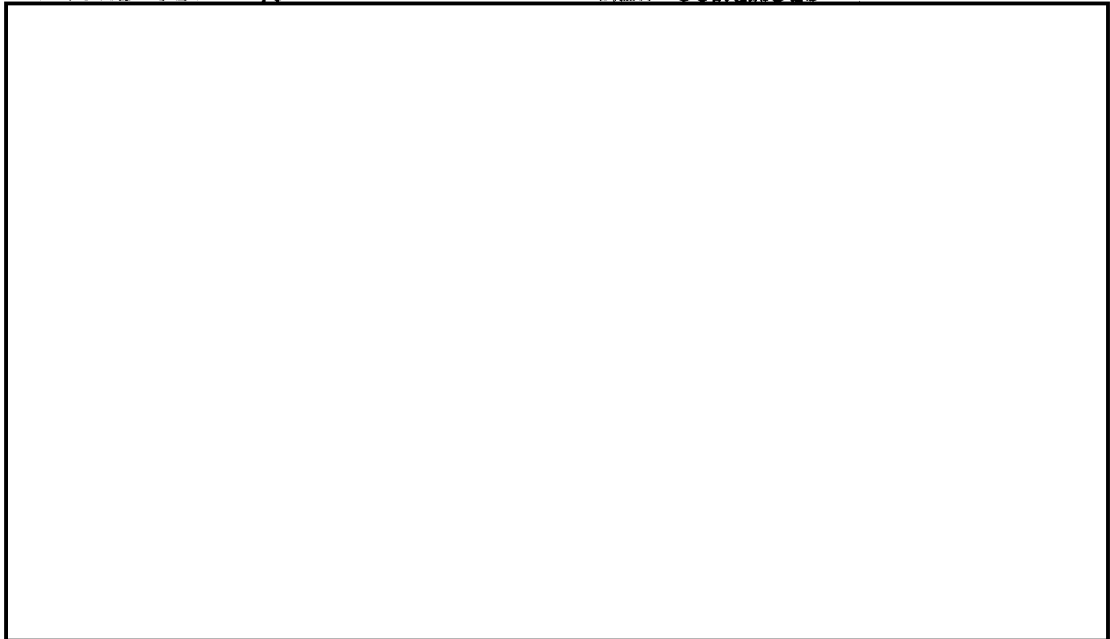
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RECONTACTS

NEW CONTACTS



Agents assigned to the Toplev Program remain alert to exploit any indications of weakness, factionalism, defection or other factors on the part of subjects being selected for interview which conceivably could result in attaining additional informants in the CP, USA.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Central Research Section

DATE: 8/21/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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ReNYlet 6/2/59, submitting copies of "Jews Behind the Iron Curtain: January 1 to March 15, 1959."

Mrs. [redacted] source [redacted] furnished the NYO on 8/12/59, with two copies of the bulletin "Jews Behind the Iron Curtain: March 16 to June 30, 1959."

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Mrs. [redacted] has advised in the past the committee keeps only a limited number of the bulletins and the stencil is kept for approximately six months in case additional copies are needed.

The two copies are submitted for information of Central Research Section.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. J. BELMONT

8/18/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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On August 13, 1959, in the vicinity of [redacted] [redacted] was contacted by SAs [redacted] under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev program.

[redacted] recognized the Agents and, following salutations, remarked: "I got a kick out of you guys. You know more about me and more about the 'Party' than I do. Well and get you come to me for information. What can I tell you? What I know [redacted] (SUNNY CLINE)?"

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In light of [redacted] opening statement concerning the Agent's knowledge, [redacted] was asked if he believed the Agents were so naive as to believe that his participation in the conspiracy was limited to mere acquaintanceship with 'Party' figures. To proceed [redacted] further, the Industrial Division of the New York State Communist Party was brought into the conversation. [redacted] replied: "I can't know anything about it now...in changes. [redacted] in effect admitting knowledge of the Industrial Division, was asked to discuss it further. [redacted] did not reply.

Further efforts were made to impress [redacted] with the fact that, in all probability he could ably assist his government, if he would consent to cooperate with the Agents of the Bureau who were charged with the responsibility of protecting the internal security of the country. [redacted] replied: "I thought I was helping my Government" (obviously referring to his activities in the CP).

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It was pointed out to [redacted] that certainly the

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Government could not hold that same view and that obviously he [redacted] had altered this opinion as evidenced by his stated decline in activity.

[redacted] stated: "Maybe so, but I have certain ideals and beliefs, which I've had all my life and which I live by, and furnishing information about anybody would go against those ideals and would be repugnant to me."

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[redacted] at this point terminated the interview by walking from the agents toward the building wherein he is employed. Before he departed however, [redacted] was again asked to think over the solicitation of cooperation made by the agents. [redacted] did not reply to this request but merely shrugged his shoulders.

[redacted] though not cooperative, nevertheless did converse with the agents. It is felt that he should be re-contacted at a future date. Accordingly, a tickler has been set up to recontact the subject in January 1960. -C-

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On August 19, 1959, at approximately 6:10 P.M., [redacted] was observed, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] to park his auto (1949 Oldsmobile, green, New York Registration [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted] New York.

[redacted] was alone and no other individuals were observed in the immediate area.

The Agents approached [redacted] who, although acknowledged their identity, proceeded to ignore the Agents by closing the windows in his car. It was evident that [redacted] suspected the identity of the Agents. [redacted] alighted the Agents nevertheless identified themselves as SAs of the F I. [redacted] replied in an evasive and surly manner: "You are wasting your time, I have nothing to say to the FBI".

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Further efforts, to engage [redacted] in conversation and to determine his residence, were abandoned on his departure and the interview was also terminated.

In view of [redacted] obvious intent of not cooperating with the FBI, based on his observed actions and statements, no recontact is anticipated at this time.

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Re Bureau letter to New Haven, dated 7/16/59, captioned [redacted] SM - C; [redacted] SM - C, and New Haven letter to the Bureau, dated 7/1/59, under the same caption.

The following information is set forth concerning an interview of the subject, [redacted] on 8/13/59, by SA THURM STALNAKER and SA EDWARD R. WHALEN:

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I. METHOD OF APPROACH

Agents established through investigation that subject [redacted] frequently leaves his employment during the course of the day. Being self-employed, he is not required to follow any regular employment schedule.

On 8/13/59, at approximately 11:25 AM, the subject was observed to leave his place of employment and go nearby to the [redacted] located at the corner of [redacted]. The interviewing agents took a position in an area outside [redacted] and the subject's place of employment, where the subject was expected to pass, and in an area where there was very little traffic. He was approached by the agents at 12:02 PM, when he left the [redacted] carrying several books. He was alone when contacted and no one else was observed at the area at the time. He was interviewed until 12:38 PM.

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II. SUBJECT'S REACTION

[REDACTED] showed absolutely no surprise when the agents identified themselves to him. He remarked that he 'rather expected' a contact. He, at first, demonstrated an attitude of not wanting to talk at all. When pressed further he would discuss matters of a general nature, but strictly within boundaries which he insisted on outlining. He showed no signs of anger or nervousness and was polite at all times. Even at the conclusion of the interview, after he had stated that he did not want to be interviewed further, he did not abruptly terminate the discussion. Instead, he remained long enough to exchange ordinary pleasantries which are a part of any normal conversational exchange.

The one single point which he insisted upon making was that he could not be "pressured" into discussing things which he did not want to discuss.

The interview was terminated without any indication that he felt hostile toward either of the interviewing agents.

III. DETAILS OF INTERVIEW

The details of the interview are set forth in the attached SF 64.

IV. EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

The interviewing agents concluded that the subject, though courteous, was uncooperative. It was apparent that he would not furnish particulars of his Communist Party (CP) activities or associates. He clearly indicated that he was not telling the agents anything which he would not publicly acknowledge. It appears that he is in disagreement with the current CP leadership, but that he continues to be Communistically oriented.

V. PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT AS AN INFORMANT

In view of the subject's attitude, as outlined above, it would appear that the subject has no potential as an informant at this time.

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VI. FUTURE PLANS FOR INTERVIEW

Since the subject has clearly outlined his position concerning FBI interviews with him, and since it is not believed that he has any informant potential, no plans are being made to conduct further interviews with him at this time.

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The Bureau's attention is directed to page 4 of New Haven letter of reference wherein it is stated that interview with subject's wife, [REDACTED] would be conducted only if her husband were cooperative. It has, therefore, been assumed by this office that the authority for interview of the subject's wife, as set out in referenced Bureau letter, was contingent upon a cooperative interview with the subject. Since the subject was uncooperative, no interview of subject's wife, [REDACTED] will be conducted.

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ReBulet 11/18/58, suggesting recontacts with various persons originally contacted under the Topley program. [redacted] was formerly contacted on 11/12/58.]x

On the afternoon of 8/13/59, [redacted] was observed to leave his employment [redacted]. When it was observed that [redacted] was alone, he was approached a distance from his employment by SAs ALFRED B. NOVAK and [redacted].]x

[redacted] immediately recognized the Agents and greeted them in a friendly fashion, remarking that he had not seen the Agents for a long time. [redacted] allowed the Agents to accompany him for approximately four blocks as he proceeded to the subway.]x

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[redacted] advised that although he realized there had been many changes in the CP here and abroad, that his condition remained the same inasmuch as he could not, under any circumstances, talk with the Agents. [redacted] in answer to inquiry by the Agents, stated that he believed he was working in his own way for the benefit of the American people and not harming the US form of Government. Subject stated he is interested in socialism, and that there were many forms of socialism. He refused to comment on questions by the Agents if this meant that he believed that the USSR had a socialist government.]x

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Agents attempted to secure another time when they could continue the conversation under better circumstances, but [redacted] refused to agree to another meeting. ✕

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The Agents invited [redacted] to carefully consider this matter, and call them if he ever changed his mind in this regard. [redacted] smiled, refused to make any comment, but as he left, he shook hands with each Agent. ✕

Throughout this contact, [redacted] was partially friendly, but refused to make any comment concerning his CP affiliations. He steadfastly refused to cooperate with the Agents. In view of his uncooperative attitude, no further contact is planned with him at this time. ✕

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ReBulet 6/19/59, and NY report of SA [redacted] 6/29/59.

On 8/12/59, [redacted] was interviewed by surprise authority of SAC at her residence, [redacted] NY, by SAs [redacted] and JOHN J. MATTHEW.

[redacted] admitted the agents automatically by a door-buzzer device from the floor above. She came midway down the stairway to a point about 12 feet away from the agents and demanded their identity and purpose which were immediately given to her. She replied that she did not wish to discuss any matter whatsoever with the FBI. The agents urged her to consider the beneficial aspects of an interview and to at least allow a presentation of their reasons why this was a distinct opportunity for her. [redacted] repeated she did not have anything to say to the FBI. She asked the agents to leave. Recognizing the futility of further discussion and abiding by her wishes, the agents departed.

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By reason of her completely adamant attitude, [redacted] will not be contacted again.

In anticipation of obtaining a photograph of subject as set forth by lead in rerescort, a concealed camera was on hand. Prior to the interview the agents waited in a parked car for a period of about one hour hoping to photograph [redacted] on the street. The sparsely populated neighborhood and curious attitude of residents made further surveillance untenable. A possibility existed of photographing [redacted] as she answered her door, but as described above, she did not place herself near enough or in a bright enough location to make a photograph practical.

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However, it was observed that [redacted] reasonably resembles and can be readily identified by the older photographs of her already on hand. Therefore no further time will be spent in an effort to photograph [redacted]. She is described as: female, [redacted] 5'3" tall, 145 pounds, medium to stocky build, brown eyes, rather short dark hair greying.

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ReBulet 11/18/58 authorizing recontact with Toplev subjects.

On 3/17/59, SAs CHESTER A. REILLY and EDWARD W. BUCKLEY contacted the subject on the street some distance from his residence, [redacted] NY. The Agents introduced themselves by exhibiting their credentials and advising the subject that he was being recontacted to grant him the opportunity to confidentially discuss the CP, USA. [redacted] was cordial but firm in his refusal to grant the Agents any time to discuss anything. [redacted] remarked, "Sorry, gentlemen, I have nothing to say. A long time has passed since you last contacted me but I still have nothing to discuss --- I would like to be left alone." [redacted] excused himself and rapidly walked away from the Agents towards his parked Ford station wagon. He was advised that if he changes his mind he could call the FBI any time to discuss Communism.

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Since the subject refused to discuss anything with the Agents no additional contacts will be made with him.

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Re: H. L. 7/16/59.

On 8/10/59, a fisure was instituted in the vicinity of [redacted] by SA [redacted]. It was estimated 9:00 p.m. [redacted] was observed leaving the building enroute to [redacted].

[redacted] was met by a [redacted] black for [redacted] place of employment [redacted]. [redacted] received the report whereupon he darted across an intersection in front of oncoming traffic and walked along [redacted] side. The agent walked along with [redacted] to his [redacted] station [redacted] to the agent's purpose in [redacted] this. [redacted] stated he was not interested in his [redacted] [redacted].

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It was pointed out that [redacted] was in an excellent position to assist the FBI in view of his background and experience. [redacted] answered, "You're not going to sell me anything".

Additional officers were made to explain the importance of the fact [redacted] that [redacted] had a [redacted] opportunity to demonstrate loyalty to his country, however, he readily questioned his [redacted] that he had nothing to say.

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Evaluation of Interview

[redacted] was completely uncooperative. He clearly indicated he has no intention of assisting the FBI in any way. In view of the above no consideration is being given to re-contacting [redacted] at this time.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

August 20, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-59) [redacted]

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A review of Bufile discloses that you have been unable to locate subject and it has not been possible therefore to make an approach to him under the Toplev Program. Since subject is not available for consideration under the Toplev Program at this time, you should concentrate your efforts on other individuals who are available for interview.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

DATE: 8/18/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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ReBulet 7/28/59.

Newark is closing its file on [redacted]
Following interview of her husband, consideration will be
given to resubmitting request for authority to interview
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Re Cleveland letter dated 6/10/59, and Bureau letter dated 7/1/59, granting authority to contact subject.

On July 24, 1959, a fisur of subject's residence, [redacted] Ohio, was

conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and subject was observed to be at home, and appeared to be alone, since no other members of his family were seen.

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At 2:10 PM, July 24, 1959, SA [redacted] attempted to interview subject, by surprise, at his residence; however, subject's wife, [redacted] came to the door. Agent introduced himself and asked to speak to her husband. With some hesitancy, Mrs. [redacted] replied that her husband had gone out of town for the weekend. Agent then advised Mrs. [redacted] regarding the purpose of desiring to speak to subject, referred to the previous contact with subject several years ago, and suggested that her husband may have changed his views during the intervening time. Mrs. [redacted] replied, "I'm sure he has nothing to say." Agent then suggested that Mrs. [redacted] might care to discuss her past affiliations with the Communist Party. She answered, "No, we have nothing to say," and allowed the door to her residence close, terminating the contact.

While subject was not personally contacted, it appears obvious that he was aware that his wife was speaking for him, just as he had spoken for her when he was contacted in August, 1956, at which time he replied, "We have nothing to discuss with you."

In view of the foregoing, no consideration is being given to recontact with the subject at this time.

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A review of subject's file reflects that no information has been received which would support the inclusion of subject's name on the Security Index, with the possible exception of that furnished on April 21, 1959, by [redacted], who stated that she had been a member of the [redacted] the Communist Party in Cleveland during the period 1947-48, and knew subject and his wife as members of the Club at that time. Mrs. [redacted] also stated that in approximately 1956, subject had tried to recruit her and her husband into the [redacted] the CP in Cleveland, and that they refused to become active again, although they continued to visit socially with subject and his wife, and only recently learned from the [redacted] that they too had severed all connections with the CP. Since certain discrepancies in information furnished by [redacted] have been developed, relating to the time she admitted joining the CP, and inasmuch as she was uncertain about the year when she allegedly was contacted by subject to rejoin the CP, it does not appear that her unsupported information regarding subject should be made the sole basis for including subject in the Security Index.

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The subject's case is included in the Communist Index of the Cleveland Division and was last reviewed March 30, 1959, and recommended for retention in the Communist Index.

This case is being placed in a CLOSED status in the Cleveland Division.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] RM
(Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT)

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ReBulet 7/1/59.

On August 12, 1959, [redacted] was interviewed by SAs J. WILMER MIRANDON and JOHN J. MATTIMORE on the corner of [redacted] NY, during her lunch hour. [redacted] was observed purchasing a bag lunch and then heading alone for the public grounds of nearby [redacted]

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[redacted] politely acknowledged her identity and listened rather impatiently while the agents explained the purpose of meeting with her. She began walking toward the park, saying as she walked away, "I have no time to talk now." She obviously was flustered, and when asked if a later time might be more convenient, she said, "I don't know."

While explaining the purpose of the interview, the agents mentioned that it would be interesting to hear of her impressions of Russia in view of [redacted] recent trip. It is believed this thought may have intrigued [redacted] for she appeared to reflect momentarily on the idea although she made no comment.

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By reason of [redacted] indecisive manner and because she said nothing to indicate a hostile attitude it is considered worthwhile to re-interview her. Therefore [redacted] will be interviewed again during the next 30 days.

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ReBulet 7/15/59.

On 8/14/59, [redacted] was interviewed by surprise at his residence, [redacted] NY, by SAs J. WILSON MIRANDON and JOHN J. MATTIMORE.

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[redacted] opened the door fully and inquired as to the identity of the agents without inviting them to step inside. The agents politely introduced themselves and [redacted] immediately slammed the door in their faces, shouting through the door, "You're wasting your time. Go away."

[redacted] became angry at the first mention of the FBI and did not show the slightest interest in what the agents might have to say to him. In view of his prejudice and hostility no further effort will be made to converse with [redacted]

By reason that subject was found at home at 11:00 am. on 8/14/59, his employer, [redacted] NY, was immediately pretexted by phone ("a friend of Mr. [redacted] calling") to ascertain if [redacted] might be on vacation. An unidentified employee of [redacted] advised SA MATTIMORE that [redacted] no longer works there and that his new employer is unknown.

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Immediately thereafter the same pretext was used in phoning subject's father, proprietor of [redacted] who said [redacted] continues to assist him periodically. He was not familiar with the name of subject's new employer but understood that [redacted] now works a night shift.

Investigation is currently being conducted to determine subject's new employment.

[redacted] is described as follows: male; [redacted] 6' tall; 175 pounds; slender build; dark hair, eyes and complexion.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. RAYMOND

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ReBulet dated 6/11/59 and FD 205 dated 7/13/59.

On 8/12/59 (pursuant to Bulet dated 1/19/59) [redacted] was contacted by surprise under the Toplev Program at her residence, [redacted] New York, by SAs P.M. J. LIGHTON and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN.

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[redacted] partially opened the door to her apartment, acknowledged her identity when called by name, and upon learning the identity of the agents stated: "I told you people before that you were wasting your time. I have nothing to say." [redacted] immediately shut the door and the interview was terminated at this point.

In view of the above no further contact with [redacted] is contemplated at this time under the Toplev Program.

The results of this contact will be set forth in the next investigative report. This case will be placed in a closed status.

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Reurlet dated 8-18-59.

Authority is granted to conduct [redacted] wherever possible in accordance with appropriate instructions with the proper degree.

If this laboratory is not contacted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 47 - (7) (c) of Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He presently resides at [redacted] New York, and is a [redacted]

[redacted] New York. [redacted] allegedly has been member of CP for nineteen years and has held [redacted] positions. At present he is a member of the [redacted] CP.

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT

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ReBulet dated 11/18/58 instructing that individuals of a
Toplev character be considered for interview.

Background

Birth: [redacted] was born on [redacted] New York.

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Marital Status: [redacted] is single.

Residence: [redacted] resides at [redacted] New York.

Employment: [redacted]
[redacted] New York.

CP Affiliation:
[redacted] has been a member of the CP for nineteen years, and has
held [redacted] positions: in 1958 he was the [redacted]
[redacted] CP, and as of 6/30/59 was a member of the
[redacted] CP.

Plan of Approach

Bureau authority is requested to interview [redacted] pursuant to
existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program.

If such authority is granted [redacted] will be approached for
interview on the street away from his residence and employment.

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ReBulet 6/10/59.

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On 8/10/59, [redacted] was contacted by surprise at his residence. [redacted] NY, by SAs JOHN J. MATTIMORE and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN.

When the agents identified themselves as being with the FBI, [redacted] stated he had nothing to say to the FBI. The agents explained they were contacting him for the purpose of helping him and in turn he could be of great assistance to the FBI.

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[redacted] advised the agents that they were wasting their time, that he had nothing to discuss. He added that when he became a US citizen he took an oath to uphold the Constitution of this country. He also stated he has never viol ted that oath.

The agents reminded [redacted] of the responsibilities of the FBI in the Internal Security field, however, he commented that he was not going to answer any questions, nor did he have any information to volunteer. Again he informed the agents that they were wasting their time.

[redacted] at this point terminated the interview by closing the apartment door. The agents suggested that [redacted] give some consideration to what was discussed, but he answered that he would not do so.

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Evaluation of Interview

[redacted] was pleasant, however, firm in his refusal to discuss anything with the agents. In view of the above, no consideration is being given to recontact [redacted]

The results of this interview will be reported in the next investigative report. This case will be placed in a closed status.

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SAC, Newark [redacted]

August 17, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated 8-7-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not completed within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (c) NI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] New Jersey, and is employed by [redacted]

[redacted] New Jersey. He has a CP history dating back to at least 1946 and has been very active in CP and CP [redacted] since that time. In June, 1959, he was considered to take charge of [redacted] CP Sections. In view of his position in the Party, it is felt an interview with him under the Toplev Program should be attempted at this time.

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SAC, Newark [redacted]

August 17, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Reurlet dated 8-3-59.

It is noted that at the present time you are not aware of the current Communist Party (CP) activity on the part of subject but in view of his past history in the movement, he should be considered for interview under the Toplev program.

Authority is granted, therefore, to interview him whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev program.

If this interview is not completed in 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 17 D (7) (c) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is [redacted] self-employed as a [redacted] [redacted], and resides in [redacted] New Jersey. He allegedly joined CP in 1943 and at one time was a member of the [redacted] the CP. At one time he [redacted] the NNLC and was active in that group until its dissolution in 1956. He has also been active in the UERMWA. In 1958 [redacted] the Eastern Regional Conference of the CP and in 1959 he has attended CP conferences on the Negro question. Recently, he allegedly has disagreed with the current CP line and has been leaning toward the [redacted] His current position within the CP, according to NK, is not known.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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COMMUNIST PARTY - USA

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SECURITY MATTER - C
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Remylet to Bureau, 1/23/59, which stated that a reinterview of [redacted] would be considered in six months.

On 2/13/59. Miss [redacted]

[redacted] furnished record No. [redacted] which reflected that subject, whose occupation was [redacted] and whose residence was [redacted] Pa., had been admitted to [redacted] on 12/11/58, and discharged on 1/16/59. The diagnosis was listed as [redacted]

On 7/31/59. Miss [redacted]

[redacted] furnished record No. [redacted] which reflected that [redacted] on 5/27/59 and discharged 6/10/59. The record reflected that his occupation was [redacted] The diagnosis was listed as [redacted] A doctor's note on 6/10/59, the day he was discharged, reflected "Improved, will be kept under treatment. He may be discharged with careful instructions."

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In view of the continued status of [redacted] health, no further consideration of a Toplev interview with him is being considered at this time. In the event information is received in the future that an interview appears desirable, the Bureau will be further advised.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

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Re Bureau airtel dated 3/7/59, requesting Chicago to suairtel status of this case.

The Bureau is referred to Chicago letter dated 3/5/59, captioned, CP-USA, TOPLEV PROGRAM, IS - C; [redacted] and Chicago airtel dated 3/5/59, captioned, [redacted].

For the further information of the Bureau, CG 5324-S* reported [redacted] in attendance at a meeting of the [redacted] the Communist Party of Illinois on [redacted] Also, CG 5324-S* and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT met with [redacted] during the week of [redacted] has an appointment to visit LIGHTFOOT at the latter's [redacted] in Indiana on [redacted].

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It is noted that [redacted] is scheduled to meet with the contacting agent on Thursday, 3/13/59. The Bureau will be advised of all pertinent developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

DATE: 8/7/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA TOPLEV IS - C b7D

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I. BACKGROUND

Subject is a [redacted] male, who was born [redacted] at [redacted] N.J. He attended public schools in [redacted] N.J. and took college courses in [redacted] N.Y. He is reported to have been an honor student at [redacted] N.J. It is not known if he holds a college degree.

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In 1944, subject married [redacted] a white woman. but was divorced in [redacted] He had [redacted] by this marriage. In [redacted] he married [redacted] a Negro, after having lived with her for sometime previously. Subject was inducted into the U. S. Army on [redacted] was discharged on [redacted] enlisted on the same date, and was finally released on [redacted]

Subject has been variously employed as a [redacted] and has been active in labor union affairs for many years.

He currently resides at [redacted] N. J., and is employed by [redacted] N.J. He is a [redacted] YUMSW.

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The [redacted] are reported to be living with the subject and his wife.

The subject is reported to have a 30 per cent service disability, and as of 6/15/59, he was on extended sick leave from his employment as a result of a lumbo-sacral strain.

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II. CP ACTIVITY

Following is a tabulation of the subject's most pertinent activities:

1946: First known to have registered in CP.

1947: Reportedly organized a CP [Redacted] N.J.

[Redacted] CP.

Attended CP [Redacted] Washington, D. C., as a representative of New Jersey CP.

1948: [Redacted] for CP.

[Redacted] CP [Redacted] at New Jersey CP State Convention.

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Considered to be [Redacted] New Jersey CP and was active as CP [Redacted] AYD affairs.

[Redacted] CP [Redacted] 1948 elections.

1949: Was very active in [Redacted]

Active in LYL.

1950: Member, [Redacted] CP [Redacted]

Member, [Redacted] CP [Redacted]

Member, [Redacted] CP [Redacted]

[Redacted] New Jersey LYL.

Active in PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

1951: Very active in LYL, CP and CRC affairs.

1952-53: Reportedly pushed to background by UE due to his open CP sympathies.

Associated with CP members.

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[redacted]

1954-56: Attended New Jersey CP [redacted] meeting and associated with numerous CP members and leaders.

Contacted by FBI but would not allow explanation of contact.

1957: Attended New Jersey CP State Convention.

Attended [redacted] CP Convention.

Associated with CP members and leaders.

1958: Attended meeting of [redacted] CP.

Reportedly interested in becoming active in CP again in [redacted]

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Considered to be [redacted] of CP in [redacted]

Attended CP Negro Conference.

Appointed [redacted] New Jersey CP [redacted] Conference.

1959: Member, [redacted] CP.

In June, being considered to take charge of [redacted] CP Sections.

III. METHOD OF CONTACT

It is anticipated that the subject can be securely contacted between the time he leaves his place of employment and he arrives at his residence.

[redacted] is not known to have taken an active part in the continuing factionalist struggles within the CP. He appears to be loyal to the current CP, USA line. It appears that he takes his lead from his wife, [redacted]

[redacted] member. It appears possible that [redacted] motivation toward the CP is based on his interest in improving the lot of the American laborer. It is proposed that he will be approached under this program, not as a factionalist, but as an [redacted] Party member.

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IV. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW

Bureau permission is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions pertaining to this program.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 8/27/59

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [redacted]

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SUBJECT: CP, USA, TOPLEV
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Re Bulet, 12/18/58; SF let to Bureau, 3/30/59.

(1) All persons selected for reinterview have been interviewed.

(2) All persons selected for initial contact requiring Bureau authorization have been interviewed.

(3) During the month of August, 1959, [redacted] was interviewed the second time with negative results.

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(4) Six Special Agents are assigned to conduct interviews under this program.

(5) Recontacts are contemplated with [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

8/31/59

ATTN.: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 11/18/58.

On 8/26/59, SAs C. ESTER A. REILLY and EDWARD W. BUCKLEY contacted the subject on the street after he departed from his residence [redacted] NY. The subject recently moved to this residence from [redacted] [redacted] N.Y. The subject admitted his identity remaining, "Who are you?" The agents identified themselves advising [redacted] that the opportunity was again being presented to him to cooperate with the government by discussing CP, USA activity. The subject became arrogant, remaining, "You guys go away -- don't bother me!! I will not talk to the FBI". The subject then turned away and very rapidly walked away from the agents back towards his residence.

The interview was terminated since the subject would not stop and talk to the agents. No further contacts will be made with the subject.

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SECRET, FBI (100-3-99)

(ATTN: ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPT. OF JUSTICE) 8/31/59

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Re Bulet, 8/7/59, authorizing interview of [redacted] under the Tolley Program.

On 8/20/59, the subject, [redacted] was
observed [redacted] NY. The
subject approached and conversed with [redacted] and
[redacted] [redacted] and
[redacted] [redacted] and
stated that they would like to have a talk with him on certain
matters affecting the internal security of the U.S. [redacted]
[redacted] changed instantly as he stated that he had nothing to say.
The agents told him that there were a number of things that they
would like to discuss with him, and he [redacted] immediately inter-
rupted, saying, "I am sure I will be glad to see you to send
me a check", and he wrote, "I will be [redacted] in the
[redacted] with a [redacted] he was carrying on [redacted] [redacted] they."

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In view of [redacted] statement and his obviously
hostile and defiant attitude, no further surveillance will be
conducted [redacted] since the Tolley Program at this time.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont
SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED]

8/31/59

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Rebulet 11/18/58.

On 8/31/59 Special Agents Chester A. Reilly and Edward W. Buckley contacted the subject on the street some distance from his place of employment, [REDACTED] New York. [REDACTED] was cordial and friendly during the interview and he was advised that he was again being contacted to determine if he had given the matter additional thought regarding cooperating with the Bureau. [REDACTED] replied, "Gentlemen, I can't discuss anything and I'm not interested in any activity whatsoever but only interested in making a living."

[REDACTED] was asked if any Party leaders or former friends still active in the Party have contacted him regarding Party activity. [REDACTED] replied that he has not seen anyone and that he is not interested in anything except his position. [REDACTED] stated he could not discuss anything with the FBI since in his opinion the FBI knew more about Communist Party activity than he did. [REDACTED] remained firm in his refusal to allow the agents time to discuss anything with him.

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The interview was terminated in a friendly manner with the agents suggesting to [REDACTED] that if the Party recontacts him he could feel free, if he so desired, to call the agents at the New York Office for a discussion. -X-

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
(ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. W. BELMONT)

8/31/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet, 11/18/58, suggesting reinterview of certain persons under the Toplev Program.

On 8/18/59, SAs THOMAS H. SULLIVAN and ALFRED B. NOVAK observed [redacted] walking toward his automobile which was parked about two blocks from his residence, [redacted] NY. As [redacted] neared the car, SA NOVAK approached and addressed [redacted] by name and displayed his credentials. [redacted] recognized the agent and nodded curtly.

The agent pointed out that nearly a year had elapsed since Bureau agents had talked to him and believed that he, like many others who had been active in the Communist Party, had undoubtedly undergone a change in his thinking. [redacted] replied that he had, but added, "Not the way you want". The agent suggested that it would be helpful if [redacted] would amplify his remark, explaining that this was an ideal time for him to demonstrate his loyalty to this country by cooperating with the government. [redacted] merely shook his head and entered his car, stating that he had nothing further to say. The agent advised [redacted] to give the matter further careful thought and to contact the NYO in the event he changed his mind. [redacted] nodded and drove off.

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SA SULLIVAN observed the interview and nothing of an unusual nature was noted during the contact.

While not evincing any degree of willingness to cooperate, [redacted] did not display the brusque, abrupt manner he had shown at the time of the last contact. Accordingly his file will be reviewed in approximately six months to determine whether a recontact with him is warranted at that time.

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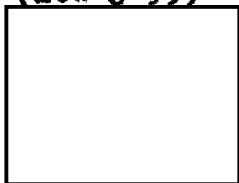
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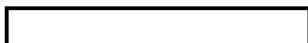
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ReBulet to New Haven, 7-29-59.

Interview with the Subject is being held in abeyance until plans to conduct a confidential investigative technique in the vicinity of the Subject's home can be completed under suitable and secure conditions.

It is to be noted that this investigative technique, which has been conducted quite regularly in the past, has been hampered recently by the fact that a 12 year old relative of the Subject has been visiting her for the summer. It is anticipated that he will be returning to his own home or if he remains with the Subject, he will be attending a local school starting 9-9-59.

It is felt that an attempt to interview the Subject might possibly affect the success of the highly confidential technique and, therefore, no effort will be made to interview the Subject until after the above-mentioned investigation is conducted in the vicinity of the Subject's home.

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(ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT)

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ReBulet 11/13/58.

[redacted] a former member of the [redacted]
[redacted] the CP, was reported to have quit the CP in
November, 1958. On 6/12/59, he was reported to have been
seen at CP Headquarters in NYC.

Interview with [redacted]

On 3/20/59, [redacted] was observed in the vicinity
of his residence, [redacted] NY. He
was approached in a secure location by SA CHESTER A. REILLY,
with SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY observing the interview. When
[redacted] recognized the agent, he shook his head and said,
"You are wasting your time. I am not interested". The
agent raised various points in an effort to gain his con-
fidence, but [redacted] continued walking and waved the agent
away. When it became obvious that he would not engage in
converstation, and when he abruptly turned away, the inter-
view was terminated.

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No consideration is being given for a recontact
with [redacted] at this time.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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CC: DENISE PERAY, E. S.
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Leurist dated 8-24-50.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] wherever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 7 - (7) (a) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. She was born in Massachusetts in [redacted] and is employed as [redacted]

[redacted] the Armenian Progressive League of America (APLA) which has been designated by the Attorney General under EO 10450. Subject has been active in the Armenian Youth of America and the APLA since 1938 and has [redacted] those groups for many years. According to an informant she was a member of the CP in 1946 and has been identified with the CP since that time. She was allegedly present at the State Nationalities Commission meeting of the New York State CP in 1958. When contacted under the Security Informant Program 9-22-54 she refused to talk with the Agents. It is felt she should again be contacted at this time under the Toplev Program.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATT: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT

8/24/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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[redacted] was uncooperative when contacted
on 9/22/54. She is now employed as [redacted]
[redacted] the Armenian Progressive League of America (APLA).

[redacted] was present at [redacted] meetings
of APLA on [redacted]. She attended APLA [redacted]
meetings on [redacted]. Because of her activity in
APLA she could be a valuable informant if she would cooperate with the
Bureau. She resides at [redacted] and is on the SI.

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The Bureau is requested for authority to contact
[redacted] away from her residence or place of employment,
pursuant to instructions relating to the Toplev program.

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Reurlet dated 8-24-59.

Authority is granted to recontact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this reinterview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 57 (7) (a) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index and is employed as [redacted] the Armenian Progressive League of America (APLA). The APLA has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to EO 10450. [redacted] has been reported to be the [redacted] which reflects the CP line. Subject was born in [redacted] and was naturalized in [redacted] New Jersey, in 1927. He has been connected with the [redacted] the APLA since the 1930s. At one time he was described as [redacted] the CP among [redacted]. Under the Toplev Program subject was approached on 4-6-55 but was uncooperative. According to NY he is still very active for the APLA and it is felt another attempt should be made to approach him.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
(ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT)

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[redacted] was interviewed under the Toplev Program on 4/6/59, but was uncooperative. He continues to be employed as [redacted] the Armenian Progressive League of America (APLA).

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[redacted] was present at [redacted] meetings of APLA on [redacted] and at meeting of the [redacted] on [redacted]. He resides at [redacted] NY, and his name is on the SI.

In view of his importance in the affairs of APLA it is believed, recontact with him is warranted. Bureau authority is requested to contact [redacted] away from his residence or place of employment pursuant to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program.

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RE: Newark letter, 8/3/59.

On 8/26/59, SAS [redacted] and ELDRED W. COX contacted [redacted] under secure conditions at approximately 7:20 a.m., on [redacted] New Jersey. [redacted] was apparently en route to work. SA COX identified himself to [redacted] explaining he desired to speak to [redacted] for a few minutes. SA COX offered [redacted] a ride, pointing out it would save [redacted] time and also provide an opportunity for discussion.

[redacted] stated "No, you can't", and began to run. SA COX followed a few steps and asked whether they could talk at any other time. Without stopping, [redacted] shouted, "No". [redacted] continued to run until he was out of sight.

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[redacted] would have to proceed on foot for approximately a mile to catch his usual bus to work. It would have been both convenient and time saving for him to have accepted the offer of a ride. Due to the emphatic nature of his refusal to be interviewed, no further contact with him is contemplated at this time.

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Mr. A. H. Belmont

August 27, 1959

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rozamus

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[Redacted]

Chicago airtel of 8-24-59 reports that [Redacted] a member of the [Redacted] Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), has been successfully converted into a security informant under the Toplev Program. [Redacted] a [Redacted] a college graduate with high intelligence. He is a former [Redacted] the Labor Youth League which prior to its dissolution [Redacted] the CPUSA. Until about a year ago he was on the [Redacted] CPUSA, and though he has not attended any meetings of the [Redacted] in the past year, he is still a member.

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Under the Toplev Program informant was initially approached on 11-8-51 but refused to cooperate. Since 1951 he has been very active in the CP attaining membership on the [Redacted]

[Redacted] During the past year it appeared he and his wife were gradually withdrawing from the Party. Chicago therefore requested authority to recontact him to determine if he could be developed as an informant. With Bureau authority informant was approached on 2-6-59 and indicated he was gradually withdrawing from the Party but he would never consider acting as an informant. Since he was definitely wavering in his allegiance to communism, additional contacts were carefully planned and finally after three interviews in the past few months, on 7-28-59 he became convinced that he should cooperate and furnish information to the Bureau. On the latter occasion he indicated he was financially pressed and agreed to accept a loan of \$600 from the Bureau to be paid off in two years. He also agreed to follow a plan of action through which he would regain his former [Redacted]

[Redacted] the CPUSA. Chicago has been guiding him into contacts with [Redacted] Claude Lightfoot, and Morris Childs. According to Chicago, informant is most cooperative and his potential is unlimited on both state and national levels. He has already attended a meeting of the Illinois [Redacted] and has been asked by the Party to take over [Redacted] the CP in Chicago. James Jackson, head of the National Negro Commission, contacted informant on 8-16-59 and [Redacted] All his contacts have expressed gratification in having him step up his activities in the CP and Chicago has been able to verify his activity through CG 5824-S and other sources.

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OBSERVATIONS:

Tolson _____ Development of [Redacted] presents a tremendous potential for additional coverage of CPUSA on national and international level which could equal that of our present top informants. Progress of informant will be

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

given close supervision so that his great potential will be realized.

ACTION:

None. Informative.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 3/31/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK

SUBJECT:

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ReBulet 7/30/59 authorizing recontact with subject at his residence.

It has not been possible to reinterview subject under secure conditions during the past 30 days inasmuch as subject's sister and brother-in-law have apparently moved in with him.

Efforts will be made to recontact subject away from his residence during the next 30 days.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

August 31, 1959

SAC, CHICAGO [redacted]

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Remylet dated 6/25/59.

Attempts to contact [redacted] by phone were made on 7/15, 16 and 22, 1959; however, he could not be located at his employment, [redacted] Illinois. It is noted that when interviewed on June 22, 1959, [redacted] requested that he be phoned for an appointment if the Bureau desired to contact him again.

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On July 31, 1959, [redacted] phoned SA [redacted] and advised that he had received SA [redacted] messages. He stated he had not returned the Agent's calls because he had no time to work in an extra appointment. [redacted] stated he was busy with his work and planned to go on vacation from August 3, 1959 to August 24, 1959.

[redacted] advised that he would honor the Agent's request to meet with him when he returned from his vacation.

On August 26 and 27, 1959, [redacted] could not be reached by phone.

Attempts will be made to contact [redacted] by phone again so that an appointment can be made with him. It is believed that he should be given the "benefit of the doubt" in view of his professional status and because of his request to make an appointment with him by phone. If, however, he cannot be contacted by phone, and he fails to return the message left him, he will be contacted by surprise away from his employment and residence.

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Investigation has determined that [Redacted] has been vacationing in Florida during the past two weeks. It was also learned that he will remain there for an additional two or three weeks.

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Pursuant to instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (c) XI, and of instructions, additional authority to contact [Redacted] will be requested upon his return to New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
(ATT: ASST. DIR. A. H. BELMONT)

8/24/59

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ReBulet, 7/29/59, authorizing an interview with

[redacted]
Interview with [redacted]

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On 8/19/59, [redacted] was observed leaving his place of employment, [redacted]. He was approached in a secure location by SAS EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and CHESTER A. REILLY who identified themselves and advised [redacted] that they wanted to discuss an important matter with him. [redacted] replied that he was not interested in talking to the FBI about anything and did not know of any way in which he could help the FBI. The agents referred to the many changes in the CP in recent years and the defection of many of his former associates in the CP. He was requested to give the agents a few minutes of his time so that they could have a confidential conversation. [redacted] was polite but nervous and continued to shake his head saying, "I've got nothing to say. I can't help you." The interview was terminated when he turned and walked into a nearby shop.

In view of his attitude, no consideration is being given for a recontact with [redacted] under the Toplev program.

There being no outstanding leads, this case is being placed in a closed status in this office. - C -

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MEMORANDUM, FBI (100-3-99)

8/27/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Re: [redacted] 8/20/59.

On 8/19/59 a fixar was instituted in the vicinity of [redacted] residence, [redacted] New York. [redacted], who is employed on the farm of [redacted] New York, drives to and from work each day leaving home at 7:30 a.m., and returning at approximately 5:30 p.m. Inasmuch as [redacted] wife, a [redacted] is employed and since their cottage is situated at the foot [redacted] the agents decided to contact [redacted] in the evening, about 100 yards from his cottage as he turned into [redacted]

At approximately 5:10 p.m., [redacted] was observed approaching [redacted] at which time the agents drove into the lane blocking the passage of his car. SA THOMAS H. SHILLINE then walked back to contact the Subject with SA ALFRED E. [redacted] observed.

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[redacted] immediately acknowledged his identity upon the agent asked permission to open the front door of the car to speak to him. [redacted] obligingly opened the door and the agent entered. The agent then identified himself and [redacted] immediately assumed a hostile attitude [redacted] he had nothing to say to the FBI.

It was [redacted] that he had a very important matter to discuss with the private [redacted] as in an excellent position to assist the FBI. He was also reminded of the Bureau's responsibilities regarding internal security matters. [redacted] again stated he had nothing to say and requested the agent to leave. The agent pointed out he was being given an opportunity to help his country which caused Justice to state, 'If ever one was doing what I'm doing for my country, there would be no problem.' [redacted] did not explain what he was doing for his country [redacted] the agent to go.

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Further efforts were made to engage [redacted] in conversation by commenting on the Hungarian uprising in 1956 and Soviet Intervention however he refused to continue the interview.

[redacted] was reminded that in the event he wished to cooperate with the FBI he should feel free to contact the NYO at any time.

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EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

As soon as the agent identified himself Lustig clearly indicated he would not cooperate in any way with the FBI. He stated he had nothing to discuss with the FBI. He repeatedly requested the agent to leave. In view of the above no further contact is contemplated at this time.

The results of the interview with [redacted] will be set forth in the next investigative report.

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

8/28/59

SAC, Philadelphia [redacted]

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ReNYlet 7/24/59.

After numerous efforts to contact [redacted] in the vicinity of his place of employment, [redacted] Pa., he was approached in the vicinity of his residence, [redacted] Pa., on 8/26/59, by SAs OTIS L. DUFFIN and WILLIAM F. McLAUGHLIN. After exchanging comments concerning the high humidity and heat of the day, [redacted] was asked if he had considered carefully the matters raised by Agents in the last interview with him.

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[redacted] stated, "I have thought over all that has been said by you and I haven't changed my mind. I ain't going to give nothing and ain't going to get nothing. Nothing from nothing is nothing and I see no point in continuing our discussions."

[redacted] continued to be pleasant in manner and was informed that if he should change his mind that Agents would be glad to talk to him again at any time of his choosing. It was felt by Agents that further comment would not be appropriate and, accordingly, none was made.

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Conclusion:

[redacted] has obviously made up his mind that he does not intend to cooperate with the Bureau at this time. Interviews with him have at least been productive in establishing in his mind a number of points which may disturb him in his Party work in coming months. Even though he has not cooperated he has continued to be friendly in manner and pleasant during all contacts by Agents. It is possible that after the expiration of several months, [redacted] could be persuaded to cease his Communist Party activity. In this connection informants have reported recently that he has not been as active as the Party leaders want him to be.

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This case is being closed and an annual report will be submitted when due.

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TO : Director, FBI

(File)

DATE: *8/16/59*

FROM : SAC, *New York*

(File)

SUBJECT: *CPUSA - T. plan*

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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: *8/31/59*

Reason for the delinquency: *Subject on vacation and unavailable for interview.*

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: *9/30/59*

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 100-3-99)) DATE: 8/28/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (File)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 8/29/59

Reason for the delinquency: Efforts to locate the subject in order that an approach might be made under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev program have been unproductive.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: by 9/29/59

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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No new information has been received which would preclude the conducting of this interview. The subject will be interviewed within the next 30 days.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

8/24/59

ATTN.: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. W. BELMONT
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 7/27/59 authorizing contact with captioned subject.

This subject has not been approached since she was not observed on the street alone. The subject resides at [redacted] and is reported to be employed at [redacted] New York.

Every effort will be made to contact the subject on the street circumstances permitting.

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SAC, Detroit [redacted]

August 20, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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Reurlet dated 8-17-59.

Review of [redacted] discloses that authority was originally granted in Bufile 4-29-59 to contact subject under Toplet program. In view of his employment, it has not been possible to interview him up to this time.

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According to reflect, subject is still employed as a [redacted] is away from home for periods of three or four days or longer. Additional authority was requested to approach subject at his place of employment when it became known he is to leave a long or short time to return from that.

Due to the difficulty in attempting to approach subject in a secure manner, further attempts to interview him should not be made and authority to approach him at his place of employment is not being granted.

If in the future subject's employment should permit an interview with him away from residence or place of employment with security, you should request specific authority to do such an approach.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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[redacted] is on Security Index. As indicated he is a [redacted] which keeps him away from his residence for long periods of time. His CP activity dates back to 1939 and has been [redacted] in the past. Until 1953 he held many [redacted] level. His activity since then has declined somewhat and he is not considered too reliable by CP officials as his wife is an alcoholic. Recently he has been involved in controversy with CP officials and the reason for such controversy is not known. Detroit was given authority to approach but in view of the difficulty involved in contacting him, such authority is being rescinded.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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ReBulet dated July 17, 1959.

A secure contact with Subject away from home and employment has not been possible in the preceding thirty-day period due to the nature of his employment.

Subject is employed as a [redacted] for the [redacted] Michigan, and is away from home for periods of three or four days or longer dependent on the destination of [redacted] which he delivers throughout the United States.

There is no additional information available which would preclude interview with the Subject, and additional authority is being requested to contact Subject for purpose of interview within the following thirty-day period.

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In view of the nature of Subject's employment, it is requested that authority be granted to contact him at his place of employment when it becomes known he is to make a trip or upon information received that he is due to return from one for the purpose of interviewing him regarding his own Communist activity and to determine whether he will cooperate. No consideration is being given to contacting Subject at his residence due to the activity of his wife within the [redacted] meetings of which are held periodically at the Subject's residence.

If subject proves cooperative, arrangements will be made for another interview at a secure place away from residence or employment, if necessary, to definitely determine his degree of cooperation.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

8/25/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Re NYlet 8/22/59, reporting last contact with [redacted] on 4/1/59.

On 7/1/59, the Director's attache [redacted] the Communist Party [redacted] sent to subject's residence anonymously by registered mail.

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On the morning of 8/15/59, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] by SA [redacted] in vicinity of his employment. [redacted] advised the agents [redacted] and [redacted] on the sidewalk for a short time [redacted] with them.

[redacted] informed the agents that he [redacted] examine the same in which he [redacted] no [redacted] in talking to the agents and if he [redacted] purpose he would [redacted] the agents. He stated in answer to questions by the agents that he [redacted] on this matter [redacted] but could not talk to the agents. He [redacted] that he [redacted] an hour to go to work and decided to terminate the contact. When the agents [redacted] to [redacted] time to [redacted] [redacted] he [redacted] to [redacted] himself.

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The agents began [redacted] [redacted] to [redacted] examine both sides of this issue and if he did he would [redacted] surely come to the conclusion that he should support the US [redacted] Government against International Communism. [redacted] stated he did not want to enter a [redacted] and started walking away from the agents. As he left he [redacted]

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hands with the agents and advised that if he ever changed his mind he would let the agents know this.

During this contact subject was friendly and courteous to the agents but declined to enter any lengthy discussion. It is believed that he should be recontacted in approximately 45 days in a further effort to develop a friendly basis with him to secure his complete cooperation.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

DATE: 8/21/59

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SUBJECT: CP, USA
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On 8/18/59, at approximately 7:40 a.m., SA ELDRED W. COX attempted to interview [redacted] pursuant to SAC authority. SA [redacted] observed the contact, which was made on [redacted] N.J. When SA COX identified himself, [redacted] stated: "I have nothing to say to you," and walked away. SA COX walked beside her for approximately forty feet, explaining that he wished her to listen to him for a few minutes. [redacted] ignored the presence of the agent.

The interview was discontinued upon the approach of an unidentified man from around the corner of [redacted] [redacted] attitude was completely non-cooperative and no further attempt to contact her is contemplated at this time.

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This file on [redacted] is being placed in a closed status by Newark.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-29)

DATE: 8/20/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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was contacted under secure conditions in the vicinity of his employment on 8/18/59 by SA GERHARD P. HUNDT with SA in a position to observe the interview from a Bureau car nearby.

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After introducing himself, SA HUNDT suggested to that in view of the recent changes in the status of the Communist Party and the subject's apparent disagreement with the present leadership in the CP, he might be interested in discussing his present attitude towards the Party. It was pointed out to the subject that his interest in the labor movement was recognized and SA HUNDT stated that although other agents who had contacted on previous occasions undoubtedly had explained to him the Bureau's policy with regard to labor matters, it was desired to point out to him again that the Bureau has no interest in legitimate employer-employee relations. SA HUNDT repeated that our only interest in contacting him at this time was to ascertain his current attitude towards the Communist Party.

At this point, the subject commented, "I only discuss politics with my friends, not my enemies, and you're no friends of mine." When SA HUNDT replied that this did not mean that it was necessary to be enemies and that many points of agreement

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could be arrived at in such a discussion, [redacted] stated, "I have nothing to discuss with the FBI" and walked away towards his office. The interview was terminated at this time.

[redacted] was courteous but not friendly in his attitude. He listened politely although somewhat impatiently while the purpose of the contact was explained to him, but answered in a very positive and determined voice when he stated that he had nothing to discuss with the FBI.

It is felt that no further efforts should be made to interview the subject inasmuch as he has now on 4 occasions definitely indicated that he has no intention of cooperating with the Bureau.

The following description of the subject was obtained at the time of the interview on 3/16/50 through interview and observation by SAs HUNDT and [redacted]

Name:	[redacted]
Race:	[redacted]
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'7" - 5'8"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Black, receding hairline
Complexion:	Medium to dark
Age:	[redacted]

Results of the interview will be incorporated in the next report submitted on the subject and, in view of the fact that the subject is a [redacted] the Newark Division, this case is being placed in a Pending Inactive status at this time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 8/28/59

FROM : **WB** SAC, LOS ANGELES [redacted]

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Reference is made to Los Angeles letter 7/30/59.

The control file indicates that no additional new interviews or reinterviews have been conducted since referenced letter was submitted.

Several interviews were previously conducted, and the Bureau was advised in the substantive case but inadvertently not advised in the Toplev file. The results of these interviews were all negative. They were as follows:

REINTERVIEWS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Interviewed</u>	<u>Bufile</u>	<u>LA File</u>
[redacted]	12/15/58 3/5/59 3/30/59 1/14/59	[redacted]	[redacted]

NEW INTERVIEWS

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Los Angeles in letter dated 12/16/58 submitted a list of persons to be interviewed under this program. This is to advise that [redacted] is being removed therefrom. She is presently [redacted] and this office is in the process of establishing a confidential source in connection with [redacted] and an interview is therefore not deemed advisable at this time.

The Bureau will be kept advised of further developments in this program.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 9/1/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK [redacted] b7D

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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ReBulet 12/18/58 and Nklet 8/3/59.

In accordance with referenced Bulet, the following information is being submitted regarding this program:

I. Names of subjects selected for reinterview requiring no additional Bureau authority to contact:

[redacted]

(being held in abeyance awaiting results of interview with husband, [redacted])

II. Names of individuals who are now being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted but require Bureau reauthorization:

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[redacted]

(under consideration)
(Bureau authority received)
(Bureau authority received)
(previously discontinued but being reconsidered subsequent to interview with husband,
[redacted])

III. Names of subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during the month:

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(discontinued due to health)
(Bureau authority received but efforts discontinued due to numerous unsuccessful attempts to contact under secure conditions)

(Discontinued to insure security of highly placed source)

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(Eliminated because not considered suitable for development)

(Eliminated because not considered suitable for development)

IV. Number of Agents assigned to this program:

Two

V. Brief comments regarding Newark's progress and plans to implement the program:

Contacts are being made as fast as opportunity and security will allow. It is anticipated that several contacts will be made within the next 30 days.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: August 31, 1959

FROM : *DSH*
EF SAC, DETROIT (66-3360)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Remylet, August 3, 1959.

1. The following Subjects were selected for reinterview requiring no additional authority to contact:



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2. Names of individuals who are being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted with required Bureau authorization:



3. Names of Subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during the month of August, 1959

None

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4. Number of Agents assigned to this program at the present time, in addition to their other security assignments:

Six.

Efforts by this office are continuing to develop additional informants in the CP, USA, and we are ever alert to take advantage of any weaknesses on the part of individual Subjects in order that we may augment our informant coverage.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 9/2/59

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (TOPLEV)
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Remylet 7/31/59.

The following is the status of the Toplev Program in the Philadelphia Office:

I. Subjects to be reinterviewed requiring no Bureau authority:

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II. Persons being considered for initial contact and requiring Bureau authorization:

[redacted]

III. Persons interviewed during August 1959:

[redacted] was interviewed during this period with negative results.

IV. There are four Agents assigned on a part-time basis to the Toplev Program during 8/59. However, one Agent was on leave during the whole month, two others were on leave for more than one half a month.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: August 31, 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (66-3047)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Re: New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 7-31-59.

- 1) Names of subjects selected for interview requiring no additional Bureau authority to contact: None.
- 2) Names of subjects who are being considered for initial contact, or who have been contacted but require Bureau re-authorization: [redacted]
- 3) Number of subjects interviewed or re-interviewed during the month: One. [redacted] Bufile [redacted]
- 4) Number of Agents assigned to this program at this time: Six.
- 5) Comments regarding progress and plans to implement this program in New Haven:

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As stated above, the interview of [redacted] was completed during the month, and he was uncooperative. Inasmuch as authority to interview [redacted] wife, [redacted] [redacted] was contingent upon the successful interview of her husband, no interview of her is being conducted.

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The one remaining subject authorized for interview under this program in New Haven, is [redacted]. The Bureau has been advised by separate letter that the NHO has been unable to interview the subject during the past thirty days, and the reasons were also set forth. The interview of [redacted] is being followed closely, and will be conducted as soon as possible in September, 1959.

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2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - New Haven
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Additional reviews are being made in New Haven in order to determine what other subjects can be logically interviewed under this program.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: September 1, 1959

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (66-4754)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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Re Cleveland letter 7/30/59.

Names of Subjects Selected for Reinterview Requiring No Additional Authority to Contact.

None

Names of Individuals Who Are Being Considered for Initial Contact or Who have Been Contacted But Require Bureau Reauthorization

[Redacted]

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Names of Subjects Interviewed or Reinterviewed During the Month

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[Redacted]

Number of Agents Assigned to the Program at the Present Time

There are three Agents assigned part-time to the program

Brief Comments Regarding Progress and Plans to Implement the Program

[Redacted] who was being considered for interview and was listed in relet, is not listed herein in view of Bulet August 11, 1959, denying authority to interview him under the Toplev Program.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 6 - Cleveland
 - 1 - 66-4754 (Toplev)
 - 1 - [Redacted]
 - 2 - [Redacted]
 - 2 - [Redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed on August 31, 1959. During the discussion with him, [redacted] who speaks broken English, stated he had never heard anyone advocate the overthrow of the "government". He referred to capitalists as "bloodsuckers", and advocated supplanting capitalism in the U.S. by "socialism". He did not defend the one party dictatorship in the Soviet Union, and Soviet satellites, except to say that what those people do is their business, and does not concern him. He indicated he had no personal animosity toward the agent, but believed that the FBI should devote it's energies to the investigation of "crime", and should not be investigating "people". He approved of the forthcoming visit of KHRUSCHEV and advocated increased social, cultural and economic exchanges between the U.S. and the Soviet. He expressed the opinion that capitalism and communism should be debated on the same platform, allowing the "majority" of the people to decide which they preferred and deplored the virtual exclusion of the Communist point of view from public media. He approved of social security, unemployment compensation and the like and remarked that capitalists call these measures communistic. His statements were strongly anti-"capitalist" and pro-"socialist" and he vigorously defended his beliefs by arm waving gestures and platform oratory, partly in the Slovak language. At one point he remarked that he had once [redacted] but that he is no longer. After approximately twenty minutes of discussion the interview was amicably terminated when subject apparently felt he was talking too much and excused himself to return to his work.

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Two additional subjects, [redacted] and [redacted] have been included herein for interview. [redacted] is closely affiliated with CP activity in the [redacted] and with the [redacted] reportedly has allowed his place of business to be utilized for meetings of the CP [redacted] in Cleveland.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-90)

DATE: 9/21/59

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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (66-2135)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Remylet August 3, 1959.

- 1. Subjects selected for reinterview requiring no additional Bureau authority to contact:

[Redacted]

- 2. Individuals being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted but require Bureau re-authorization:

[Redacted]

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- 3. Subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during month:

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was re-interviewed during August at which time she furnished additional background information concerning herself

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2 - [Redacted] (SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM)

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including her reasons for joining and leaving the CP. She also furnished limited information regarding individuals with whom she has been associated in the CP. Mrs. [redacted] made clear that she is through with the CP and has no intention of reactivating. She does not appear to possess informant potential, but may be recontacted at some time in the future for the purpose of obtaining additional information regarding her activities. It will be noted that [redacted] was removed from the Security Index following above interview.

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[redacted] and her husband, [redacted], [redacted] SI subjects, were reinterviewed during August. They displayed a personally courteous attitude, but were uncommunicative regarding the CP. They indicated they had had no contact with anyone connected with the CP. No additional contacts with the [redacted] are planned in the immediate future.

[redacted] SI subject, was reinterviewed during August, at which time she engaged in a spirited defense of the CP and attacked the FBI for allegedly assisting deceased Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY. She continued to manifest cordial attitude towards agents, whom she invited to call upon her again. It is anticipated she will accordingly be recontacted for the purpose of ascertaining her attitude towards cooperation following additional discussions.

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[redacted] SI subject who has been cooperating in furnishing information, was again interviewed in August for the purpose of obtaining additional background data. A report is being submitted in which it is being recommended that she be removed from the Security Index.

4. Number of agents assigned to this program at present time:

Two agents are presently assigned to the program, but annual leave taken during the month and other necessary duties reduced the usual time spent by about half.

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5. Progress and plans to implement the program:

Efforts to develop additional coverage in the Snohomish County through contacts with the [redacted] and [redacted] as noted above, were negative other than that [redacted] indicated a willingness to continue to be contacted by agents.

The attitude evidenced by [redacted] during reinterview indicates that the factual feelings engendered by the violence at the 1958 Fourth of July picnic of the Seattle CP has had lasting effects upon some of the members.

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Activities in the Washington State CP and further developments in any factual strife or personal situations will be closely followed for opportunities in connection with the Toplev program. Our two concentrations of work are presently in [redacted] and at the District level. We will continue in our attempts to penetrate these two areas.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: August 31, 1959

JMF FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

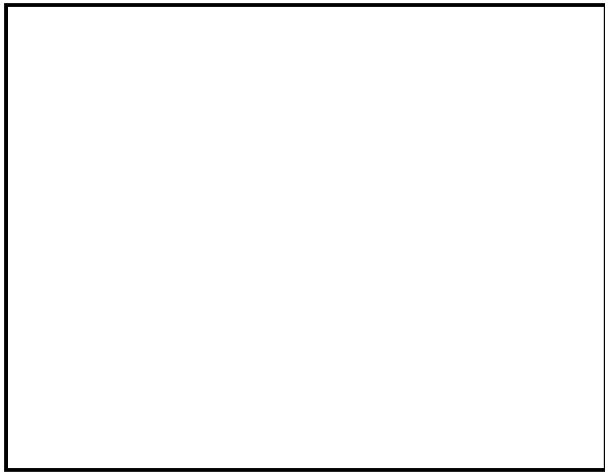
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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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Re Bureau letter to Baltimore dated December 18, 1958.

Names of Subjects Selected For Reinterview Requiring No Additional Bureau Authority to Contact



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During the month of August, 1959, efforts were made to contact the captioned individuals in secure places without success. Efforts are continuing to contact these individuals under secure conditions and under conditions most conducive to a successful attempt at interviewing them.

Names of Individuals Who Are Being Considered For Initial Contact or Who Have Been Contacted Who Require Bureau Reauthorization

None

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Chicago

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Names of Subjects Interviewed or
Reinterviewed During the Month

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None.

It is noted that by separate communication dated August 31, 1959, the Bureau has been advised as to unsuccessful attempts under secure conditions to contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Number of Agents Assigned to
This Program At This Time

At the present time, there are five Special Agents assigned part time to the TOPLEV Program in the Chicago Division.

Brief Comments Regarding
Program and Plans to Implement Program

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On August 20, 1959, [REDACTED] Bureau file [REDACTED] was recontacted under the TOPLEV Program and since he had previously agreed to co-operative with the FBI and was taking necessary action to implement his status in the CP, USA he was made a Security informant with symbol number [REDACTED]

This program is continuing to receive close supervision and emphasis in the Chicago Division and although the list of subjects selected for interview is relatively small the subjects selected for contact are very carefully selected in order that the best possible results might be obtained. All Agents working Security cases in the Chicago Division are constantly reminded and alerted for any potentials to this program.

1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, Buffalo (100-4379-99)

September 11, 1959

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

For record purposes you are requested to set out the names of the subjects interviewed under this program since receipt of Bulet dated 11-18-58, Indicate the number of times each subject was interviewed.

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- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- DeLoach _____
- McGuire _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Trotter _____
- W.C. Sullivan _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

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1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, New Haven [redacted]

September 14, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 8-31-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 67 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bulet 2-11-59 authorized contact with subject who is on the Security Index and employed as [redacted] at the [redacted] Connecticut. He resides at [redacted] At that address also resides [redacted] who for many years was [redacted] the CP in Connecticut and member of the [redacted] Although he has since resigned these positions, he appears to continue to be active in CP matters. [redacted] the CP [redacted] the Smith Act and in which case the jury was unable to arrive at a verdict. Subject was in attendance at the last state convention of the CP in Connecticut and reportedly is still active in the Party despite considerable factionalism in the CP in Connecticut. Since 2-59 New Haven has attempted unsuccessfully to contact subject under secure conditions. This has been difficult in view of his residence and the fact that he appeared to be anticipating the contact. According to New Haven sufficient time has elapsed since any other Toplev interviews were conducted in New Haven area and it is felt another attempt should be made to approach subject.

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- Belmont _____
- DeLoach _____
- McGuire _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Trotter _____
- W.C. Sullivan _____
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- Holloman _____
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DIRECTOR, FBI

(100-2-72)

August 31, 1959

SAC, NEW HAVEN

CP, USA - TROFLAT
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

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SECURITY MATTER (C)

Re: New Haven letter to Bureau dated 6-20-59.

As stated in referenced NYlet, several attempts were made to interview [redacted] under the Tolley Program during May and June, 1959. It appeared to the Agents attempting this interview that [redacted] at that time was expecting an interview by Bureau Agents, and appeared to be taking precautions to avoid contact with Agents.

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It is believed by the NYU that sufficient time has elapsed since the last Tolley interviews were conducted in the New Haven area, and the Bureau is requested to authorize NYU to contact [redacted] for interview under this program.

Inasmuch as there has been no substantial change in [redacted] status since the submission of previous letters requesting authority for interviewing him, these details are not being re-stated in this letter.

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1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, New York [redacted]

September 11, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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LOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 9-1-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Loplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted] resides at [redacted] New York, and is an [redacted] [redacted] New York. She has been a CP member for a number of years & has held [redacted] positions. As of 6-30-59 she was reported as being [redacted] CP.

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- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- DeLoach _____
- McGuire _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Trotter _____
- W.C. Sullivan _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

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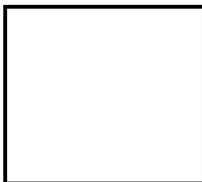
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SAC, NEW YORK



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RELATIONS ACT, 1947
(SECURITY MATTER)

Rerep SA PHILLIP H. BLOOM dated 8/12/59 re NY and
NY 100-3/3/59 captioned, JO [redacted] SA-C; CP, USA-
TOPLEY.

Since the submission of rerep there has been no
change in subject's residence or employment. The only
information coming to the attention of the NYO during this
interval is the fact that [redacted] is reported to have referred
to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (a national leader of the CP, USA)
and other Communists as being Benedict Arnolds. As a result
of this information, the NYO, by airtel, requested authorization
to interview the subject under the Toplev Program.

No report is being submitted in this matter at this
time, due to the fact that there is no substantive information
which could be used as evidence under the LMRA '47 classification.
This case will receive continuing attention and a report will
be submitted containing the results of the interview should
such be authorized.

3 - [redacted] (100-1-30) (271)

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- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, New York

September 10, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reurlet dated 9-3-59.

Additional authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

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If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 47 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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- McGuire _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] .M
(Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT)

9/3/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 7/2/59 and NY FD-205, 8/3/59.

Subsequent to referenced FD-205, SAC permission was granted to interview subject at her residence by surprise. Efforts to do so were unproductive on 8/14, 17, 19, 20/59. She has not been at home.

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It has been determined through [redacted] that subject was in Minneapolis, Minnesota for at least the first two weeks of August. It is possible that she has not yet returned or has returned only within the past few days.

There are no new developments which might preclude this interview. It should be possible to interview subject within a period of 30 days.

Authority is requested to extend this interview for an additional period of 30 days.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTN.: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

9/10/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

CP, USA - TOPLEV
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ReBulet 11/13/53 suggesting reinterview of certain individuals under the Toplev Program.

On 9/3/59, SAS [redacted] and ALFRED B. NOVAK observed [redacted] parking his car in the stopping district of [redacted] NY, approximately a mile from his place of employment. The agents approached and addressed him by name. [redacted] pleasantly acknowledged the greeting, whereupon the agents identified themselves using their credentials. [redacted] manner changed immediately, and when the agents explained that they were contacting him again in an effort to secure his cooperation with the U. S. Government, [redacted] said abruptly that he had nothing to say and nothing to offer the agents in the matter of cooperation.

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The agents pointed out that in the light of the many changes that had taken place in the Soviet Union, the world situation and the CP in this country, he, too, had undoubtedly experienced a change in his thinking, and thus, this was an ideal opportunity for him to demonstrate his loyalty to this country. [redacted] replied that he was loyal to the U. S. in his own way, but when the agents urged that he clarify what he meant by this remark, [redacted] turned away and stated that he had nothing to say. As it was plain that [redacted] did not wish to cooperate, the agents terminated the interview, telling him that in the event he changed his mind he should contact the NYO.

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In view of [redacted] statements and attitude, no further consideration will be given to recontacting him under the Toplev Program at this time.

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- 1 - [redacted] (1)
- 1 - [redacted] Inv. (41)
- 1 - [redacted] (41)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. FLEMING

9/1/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

CP, USA - TOPLEV
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[redacted] aka.,
[redacted]

ReBulet dated 11/18/58 instructing that individuals of a
Toplev character be considered for interview.

Background

Birth:

[redacted] was born on [redacted] New York.

Marital Status:

[redacted] was married to [redacted] N.Y.

Residence:

[redacted] resides at [redacted] New York.

Employment

[redacted] is an [redacted] N.Y.

CP Affiliation:

[redacted] has been a CP member for twenty five years. She was
[redacted] CP in 1957, and
as of 6/30/59 was the [redacted]
[redacted] CP.

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Plan of Approach

Bureau authority is requested to interview [redacted] pursuant
to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If such
authority is granted, FBI NY will be approached for interview on the
street away from her residence or place of employment.

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- 3- Bureau (100-3-27) (RM)
- (1- [redacted])
- 2- [redacted] (Inv.) (RM)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File 100-3-99

) DATE: 9/11/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

(File [redacted])

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY-USA
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SECURITY MATTER-C

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: On 9/11/59 30 day interview period expired.

Reason for the delinquency: Numerous attempts to locate subject under secure conditions have been unproductive.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau:

By 10/11/59

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AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:

(This applies only to 116 cases)

For the past several weeks [redacted]

regular man, [redacted] WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. It is felt that this activity does not preclude an interview at this time and further that said interview would not interfere with current investigation of FOSTER.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 100-3-99) DATE: 9/11/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (File)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY-USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

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SECURITY MATTER-C

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: On 9/11/59 30 day interview period expired.

Reason for the delinquency: Numerous attempts to locate subject under secure conditions have been unproductive.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau:

By 10/11/59

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

No new information has been developed which would preclude the conducting of this interview under outstanding instructions relating to the TOPLEV PROGRAM.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 100-3-99) DATE: 9/10/59

From FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (File)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
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INTERNAL SECURITY -C

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: Subject to be interviewed by 9/10/59 to comply with 30 day deadline.

Reason for the delinquency: Numerous attempts to locate subject under secure conditions have been unproductive.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: by 10/10/59

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

No new information has been developed which would preclude the conducting of this interview under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev Program.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-10)

8/3/59

SAC, NY [redacted]

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ReBulet 7/15/59, granting authority to interview

[redacted]

On 8/20/59, [redacted] was contacted at the subject
a discreet distance from his employment. When addressed by
same subject acknowledged his identity and thereafter Agents
ALFRED B. NOVAK and [redacted] identified themselves
with credentials.

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The agents explained to subject that they were
taking this means to have a confidential talk with him as
they knew he was in a position to help this Government.
[redacted] advised that agents had contacted him before, re-
garding a matter of which he had no knowledge and asked
if this was the same matter. The agents informed him that
the purpose of this interview was to explore the possibili-
ties of his helping the Government in its investigation
of certain organizations that are dangerous to this form
of Government. Thereafter, the agents briefly described
the FBI jurisdiction in the security field.

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Subject listened carefully and courteously. He
told the agents and then stated that he believed he knew what
the agents wanted but could not help them.

[redacted] in answer to inquiries by the agents,
stated that he knew that the agents were interested in the
Communist Party (CP). He further stated that he would care-
fully consider this matter and if he ever changed his mind

3-Bureau (100-3-10) (RM)

-Bufile [redacted]

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he would advise the agents. The agents informed [redacted] to carefully examine his present position and if he did, he would be forced to come to the conclusion that he must aid the US or cooperating with the agents.

b7D [redacted] continued to protest that he could not aid the agents, and started waving the agents away. Subject had entered an auto bearing NY plates [redacted] and at this point, was starting the motor. When it became obvious that he would not continue the conversation, the interview was terminated by informing him to carefully consider this matter and to advise agents if he changed his mind. [redacted] refused to make further comment and drove away.

Throughout this contact, [redacted] was somewhat friendly to the agents and listened carefully to them. It is planned that anti-Communist literature is sent to his residence and that he be recontacted in approximately 45 days.

SAC, New York [redacted]

September 10, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 9-2-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] where or feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 17 D (7) (e) NI, Manual of Instructions.

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Subject is on the Security Index. She resides at [redacted] and authority was granted in Bulet 5-20-59 to approach her under the Toplev Program. An interview has not been possible since she has been away on vacation most of the summer and, according to New York, she has now returned. Subject is married and is reported to be an active [redacted] the CP. Her CP history dates back to at least 1944 when she was a member of the CPA. Her present position in the Party is [redacted] CP.

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- Belmont _____
- DeLoach _____
- McGuire _____
- Mohr _____
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- Gandy _____

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet July 14, 1959.

This is to advise that information has been received indicating that captioned subject has now returned home from her vacation and is residing at her residence in [redacted]

Bureau authority is requested to contact the subject on the street under the Toplev Program, circumstances permitting.

2 - Bureau (100-3-99) (RM)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] RM
(Attn: Asst. Dir. A. W. BELMONT)

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 7/29/59.

[redacted] was interviewed on 8/27/59 at approximately 7:50 am., by SAs J. WILMER MIRANDON and JOHN J. MATTIMORE in the vicinity of [redacted] NYC. She was on her way to open her nearby luncheonette.

Subject acknowledged her identity and listened politely but somewhat inattentively while the agents explained the reasons for meeting with her. Thereupon subject stated she did not care to discuss any matter with the FBI relating to the internal security of the US.

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It was pointed out to [redacted] that a confidential talk would be beneficial to her as well as to the Government, and that another meeting could be arranged at her convenience under appropriate conditions. She replied rather emphatically that she did not think she would benefit in any manner from such a discussion and that she did not care to speak any further with the agents. She turned away and the interview was terminated.

[redacted] did not appear to harbour any grudge toward the FBI. She seemed to be intelligent and calm but completely opposed to any discussion regarding her activities or the CP. In view of the speculation that subject has somewhat curtailed her CP [redacted] affairs and might possibly be contemplating even less activity with the CP, it is believed worthwhile to engage her in conversation again in about 90 days. A period of a few months should allow further observation and evaluation of her conduct and may determine a change of attitude on her behalf.

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[redacted] is described as [redacted] female, [redacted] 5'3" tall, 140 pounds, medium build, grey hair cut short and straight.

All outstanding leads having been covered, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status.

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1 - [redacted] RM

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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Memorandum dated 8-27-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 17 - (2) (c) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index and is employed by the [redacted] CP [redacted] in NYC. He also [redacted] [redacted] was contacted under the Security Informant Program 10-26-53 and refused to talk with the Agents. He reportedly has been involved in CP activities since the 1930s and since the 1940s has been associated with nearly all the CP [redacted] in the [redacted]. In view of his long-time activity in communist matters, it is believed he should again be approached under the Toplev Program.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
(ATT: ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT)

8/27/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReNYlet, 11/2/53, advising the Bureau that the subject was interviewed under the Security Informant Program and he refused to cooperate.

The subject presently resides at [redacted] New York, and is employed by the [redacted] a Communist Party [redacted] New York City. The subject [redacted] [redacted] The subject is an alien who has lived in this country for many years.

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Bureau authority is requested to reinterview the subject under the Toplev Program.

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SAC, New York: [redacted]

September 3, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 8-24-59.

Subject, according to Bufile, does not hold any positions of prominence in the Communist Party itself but in view of his long history of affiliation in communist affairs, he should be approached under this program.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

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If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 (7) (c) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He is employed as [redacted], New York City. Subject was born in [redacted] and is a naturalized US citizen. He is known to have been affiliated with the CP from 1923 to 1928 and again in 1946. He has been member of IWO in the past and has been connected with the [redacted] for many years. He has been [redacted] Committee since 1950 and is [redacted]

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Committee. Subject was contacted 5-29-53 as a security subject and would not answer any questions concerning his activities. In view of his long association with CP affairs it is felt he should be approached under the Toplev Program.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-1)
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR [REDACTED])

5/22/53

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[REDACTED] was uncooperative when interviewed by
Special Agents on 5/22/53. In addition to known subject [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CP member from 1941 to 1947. [REDACTED] was checked.

[REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

In view of his pro-Soviet activities in London CP circles it is
believed that [REDACTED] report of high value [REDACTED] [REDACTED] use.

[REDACTED] was requested for [REDACTED] to assist
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of employment, [REDACTED]
to instructions and [REDACTED] to the Soviet Program.

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- 3- [REDACTED] (100-3-1) (RM)
- 1- [REDACTED] (RM) (4)
- 1- [REDACTED] (RM)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 11/13/58, suggesting recontacts with persons originally contacted under the Toplev program. [redacted] was originally contacted on 9/3/58.

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On 8/19/59, subject was observed on the street in vicinity of her residence [redacted] NY, by SAs ALFRED B. NOVAK and [redacted]. When it was noted she was alone, she was approached by the agents.

Mrs. [redacted] was courteously addressed by name and the agents identified themselves with credentials. The agents reminded her of the previous contact and subject stated she "certainly" recalled it. Agents pointed out to Mrs. [redacted] that many persons such as herself had re-evaluated their position in the past year and had come to the conclusion that the US Government was worthy of their whole support. Subject was asked if there was any change in her attitude. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she would not talk to the agents and started to walk away. She was informed to carefully think this matter over and if she ever changed her mind to call the agents.

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Subject refused to make any further statement and when it became obvious that she would not talk to the agents the contact was terminated.

Subject was firm in her refusal to converse with agents. In view of her attitude no further contact is planned with her at this time.

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-99) (RM)
- (1 - [redacted])
- 1 - [redacted] (INV) (RM)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) DATE: 8/24/59
(ATT: Ass't Director A. H. BELMONT)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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ReBulet 6/24/59 and NYlet 7/30/59.

I. The names of subjects who are being considered for recontact under the Toplev Program requiring no additional Bureau authority for recontact are as follows:

[redacted]

II. The names of subjects who are being considered for interview for the first time under the Toplev Program and in each case Bureau authority will be requested. The names of subjects who were previously interviewed under the Toplev Program but because of their position [redacted] etc., additional Bureau authority will be requested, are as follows:

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[redacted]

III. The following subjects have either been recontacted or interviewed for the first time under the Toplev Program during the month of August, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-99) (RM)
- 1 - [redacted] (41)

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RECONTACTS

NEW CONTACTS

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The agents assigned to this program are enthusiastic in making their approach to top level Communist figures selected for interview, and continue to strive to take advantage of any doubts or weaknesses indicated by the subjects. In view of the rumored attempts of a number of former CP members to seek re-admittance to the Party, particular attention will be directed toward recontacting these individuals.

SAC, Baltimore (66-1703)

September 11, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
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For record purposes you are requested to set out the names of the subjects interviewed under this program since receipt of Bulet dated 11-18-58. Indicate the number of times each subject was interviewed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

FROM : *B. B. Grom* SAC, Pittsburgh (100-11112)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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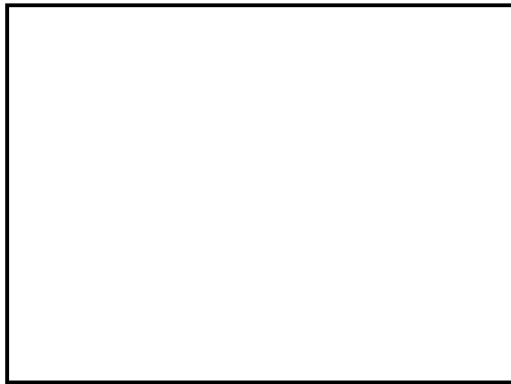
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ReBulet, 9/11/59.

Set out are names of subjects interviewed under the Toplev program since receipt of Bulet dated 11/18/58. One contact only was made with each subject. None was cooperative.

Subject

Date of Interview



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It is noted that [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed with SAC authority on 11/19/58 and 11/20/58, respectively, under the Security Informant Program. [redacted] were interviewed under the Toplev program in 1952 and would have been considered for re-interview under the program upon receipt of Bulet dated 11/18/58. [redacted] were not cooperative. One contact was made with each of these subjects. *R*

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- 1 - Pittsburgh

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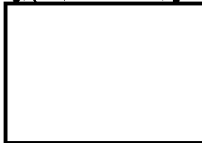
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[Redacted] was interviewed with SAC authority on the evening of 9/3/59 by SA GERHARD P. HUNDT. The interview was conducted under secure conditions in the vicinity of [Redacted] residence, while SA DONALD W. AARON observed the interview from a Bureau car nearby.

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Immediately after SA HUNDT introduced himself to the subject, [Redacted] stated "Why don't you guys leave me alone?"

SA HUNDT explained that in view of the changes that had recently taken place in the CP, it was felt that the subject's attitude might have changed too. To this [Redacted] replied "Just leave me alone and don't bother me. I have nothing to say." He thereupon continued walking rapidly toward his residence and the interview was then terminated.

[Redacted] was curt in his speech and obviously annoyed at the repeated attempts to interview him, inasmuch as he has been contacted on three previous occasions. He made it clear that he does not intend to talk to Bureau Agents and it is felt that unless unusual circumstances cause a radical change in his attitude, it would be fruitless to make further efforts to interview him in the near future.

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The following description was obtained through observation by SAS HUNDT and AARON at the time of interview:

Name:	[Redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately [Redacted]
Height:	6' to 6' 2"

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Weight:

Approximately 190 lbs.

Hair:

Dark, thinning, becoming
bald in center

Peculiarities:

[Redacted]

The results of the interview will be included in the next report submitted on the subject. Inasmuch as all outstanding leads have been covered, this case is being closed until next annual report due.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

9/15/59

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ReBulet 11/18/58.

On 9/10/59 Special Agents Chester A. Reilly and Edward W. Buckley observed the subject on the street, walking in the direction of her employment, [redacted] The agents directly approached the subject and identified themselves, explaining that the opportunity was again being presented to her to confidentially cooperate with the Government on CP activity if she so desired. The subject immediately assumed a sarcastic attitude and remarked to the agents, "Leave me alone. I don't want to be bothered by you guys." She turned and rapidly walked away from the agents.

The subject was accompanied for a short distance, at which time she was advised that she should give the matter additional thought and if at some future date she wants to discuss anything she could feel free to communicate with this office. The interview was terminated since the subject would not stop and converse with the agents.

No additional contacts are planned with the subject.

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- 2 - Bureau (1003-99) (RM)
- (1 - Bufile [redacted])
- 1 - [redacted] (41)
- 1 - [redacted] (425)
- 1 - [redacted] (41)

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Priority Date: 9-9-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] wherever possible in every case with confidential instructions under the Kaplan program.

If this information is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 7 (7) (c) MI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He resides at [redacted] and is employed through the [redacted] stated in 1958 that he had been in Socialist Movement for 40 years, and he joined CP in 1919. His wife, [redacted] was a member of the New York County CP [redacted] in 1958. Both subject and his wife are close associates of [redacted] CP functionary. Subject last interviewed in 1954 under Security Informant Program at which time he was uncooperative.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387130)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

9/9/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReNYlet 5/24/54 captioned [redacted] SM - C;
SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM, NEW YORK DIVISION, and Bulet 9/1/59
captioned [redacted] SM - C.

A review of the subject's file reveals that he continues to reside at [redacted] New York, and is employed through the [redacted] and [redacted] New York. The subject and his wife, [redacted] have been active in the Communist Party movement for many years. His wife has served as a member of the New York County CP [redacted] Both the subject and his wife are reported to be friendly with [redacted] a [redacted] the CP, USA. However, information has recently been received that the subject referred to [redacted] and other Communists as a bunch of Benedict Arnolds. It would appear from this remark that the subject may have a misunderstanding or is holding a grudge against the leaders of the CP, USA.

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APPROACH

The subject can be directly approached on the street after he has left his residence in accordance with Toplev instructions. Every effort will be made to engage the subject in a friendly conversation, circumstances permitting.

Bureau authority is requested for a direct approach to the subject on the street under favorable conditions.

2 - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
(1 - Bufile 100-3-99)
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1 - [redacted] (41)
1 - [redacted] (41)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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ReBulet dated 8/17/59 authorizing interview of THOMPSON.

On 9/10/59 SA ELDRED W. COX contacted [redacted] under secure conditions in a public park in [redacted] N.J. SA RUSSELL H. HORNER was in a position to observe the contact.

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When SA COX identified himself, [redacted] appeared startled and immediately stated that he did not wish to make any comment of any kind. He appeared desirous of breaking off the interview at once; however, he gradually relaxed and a forty-five minute discussion ensued.

It was pointed out to him that the CP is a detriment to the Negro people and is used to further the interests of the USSR. FBI policies and jurisdiction were explained, including Bureau policies on employer-employee relationships. The need for cooperation by public spirited citizens was pointed out.

For the first several minutes [redacted] confined his remarks to saying he would rather not comment or would rather not express any opinion he might have. At no time did he admit present or past activity in the CP, nor did he mention the name of any person in connection with the CP.

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He did gradually express some opinions:

(1) That the threat within the United States was greatly exaggerated and distorted as far as Communism was concerned.

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(2) That the FBI was part of the Department of Justice and a part of the U. S. Government; therefore, whatever directions were given to the FBI were necessarily influenced by political considerations. Similarly, the use made of FBI reports would necessarily be influenced by political considerations.

(3) That he could never, under any circumstances, serve as a "stool pigeon" for anyone, including the FBI.

Appropriate arguments were advanced in connection with the opinions he expressed, with special stress upon the difference between a "stool pigeon" and a citizen conscientiously cooperating with the FBI. Upon this point he remained adamant, claiming that his family history and his experiences in life had so firmly fixed his mind that he could never furnish information to any law enforcement agency.


In terminating the interview, the prospect of recontact with him was discussed. He asked that he not be recontacted. SA COX informed him that he might recontact him after he had had a chance to consider the matter for a few months.

REPORTING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW

Results of this interview will be set forth in the next report on  to the effect that  was interviewed, but neither admitted nor denied past or present CP activity, although he expressed the opinion that the threat of Communism within the United States was greatly distorted.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is not believed  can be developed as a PSI at this time. Consideration will be given to recontacting him when this case is reopened for submission of annual report in December, 1959.

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On October 24, 1959, in the vicinity of [Redacted] and [Redacted] [Redacted] was interviewed in earlier interviews, certain to [Redacted].

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In the conversation last [Redacted], [Redacted] that his position was not as [Redacted] expressed during earlier interviews. He stated that he continued to feel that his work should be directed towards the mass [Redacted] pro [Redacted] people rather than [Redacted] with the [Redacted] movement.

[Redacted] continued to state that he would continue to keep in mind the [Redacted] solicitation and [Redacted] in his current facilities should [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted].

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In further reference to [Redacted] will be [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted].

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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ReBulet 11/13/53, suggesting recontacts with subjects originally contacted under the TOPLEV Program. (C)

Subject was formerly interviewed 11/24/53, which was reported by NY letter 12/4/53.

On the evening of 12/2/53, subject was observed to leave his employment at [redacted] NY. [redacted] was thereafter contacted on the street approximately three blocks from his employment by SAs ALFRED E. NOVAK and [redacted]. Agents identified themselves with credentials and advised subject they were recontacting him because it was believed that during the past year he had time to re-examine his position and must have come to the conclusion that the CP was evil and the US was worth his whole support.

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[redacted] shook his head in the negative, stating that he could not help the agents and had nothing to say to them. Thereafter he walked away from them, entering a nearby store to end the conversation. Before he entered the store, the agents advised him to call the agents if he ever changed his mind. He refused to make further comment and the contact was terminated.

In view of his uncooperative attitude, no further contact is planned with [redacted] at this time.

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ATT.: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ASST. DIR. A. H. BELMONT
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

9/11/59

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Rebulet 7/30/59, authorizing an interview with [redacted]
under the Toplev Program.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

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On September 9, 1959, [redacted] was observed leaving his residence at [redacted]. He was approached in a secure location by SA CHESTER A. REILLY with SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY observing the contact. The agent identified himself to [redacted] and reminded him of their conversation several years ago. Reference was made to the many changes in the CP and the resignation of many Party members as a result of the issue of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. It was suggested to [redacted] that having recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union his views may have changed and he might not be willing to have a confidential conversation with the agent. [redacted] smiled and replied that his views could be known to agents who read the "MORNING FREIGHT". [redacted] said that he had changed his mind about many things during the past few years but that he saw no reason in discussing anything with representatives of the FBI. [redacted] said that when his views changed radically on any issue readers of the "MORNING FREIGHT" would be aware of it. He said that should he ever change his mind he knew where to get in touch with the FBI and he saw no point in having any discussion at this time.

3 - [redacted] (100-3-99) (RM)
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(1 - [redacted] (INV.) (#41)

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Letter to Director

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Re: CPUSA - TOPLEV; IS-C
[redacted] aka; IS-C

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[redacted] was cordial during the conversation but declined to carry on the conversation further when the agent raised various points in an effort to gain his confidence. The interview was terminated when [redacted] excused himself to keep an appointment. In view of his uncooperative attitude, no consideration is being given at this time for a recontact of [redacted] under the Toplev Program.

1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, Seattle (66-2135)

September 23, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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A review of your monthly letters submitted under this program discloses that you have been including subjects who also are being listed in your monthly report on the Security Informant Program.

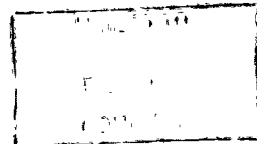
When you submit the letter under the Toplev Program for the month of September and thereafter, set forth only the names of the subjects who are being considered for interview or who have been interviewed under that program.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

October 1, 1959

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 9-28-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 27 D (?) (c) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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[redacted] is on the Security Index. He presently resides in [redacted] and is reported to be employed at [redacted] New York. [redacted]

CP activity dates back to at least 1949. When contacted 11-4-53 under the Security Informant Program, he refused to talk with the Agents. Recently, it is noted, he has been attending numerous [redacted] CP Committee meetings. In view of [redacted] position in the CP, he has been selected for approach under this Program.

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ReNYlets to Bureau 3/20/53 and 11/18/53, captioned [redacted] with aliases; SM - C; SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM; NEW YORK DIVISION.

BACKGROUND

Since information has been furnished the Bureau in referenced letters regarding subject's background, the same will not be mentioned herein. The subject presently resides in [redacted] New York, and is reported to be employed at the [redacted] New York.

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CP ACTIVITY

Since the subject is presently an active [redacted] CP, he has been selected for an approach under the Toplev Program. Informants have reported that the subject was recognized as [redacted] the Brooklyn CP [redacted]. The subject attended numerous [redacted] CP Committee meetings during the past year and was also present at several New York State CP meetings between 1958 and May of 1959. An informant advised that the subject attended a meeting of the [redacted] CP Committee on January 16, 1959, and was nominated to the [redacted] but was not elected.

On June 19, 1959, an informant advised that the subject attended an enlarged [redacted] CP Committee meeting held on June 11, 1959, at the [redacted] and at this

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meeting the subject gave a report on the recent youth march on Washington and requested a committee to help him expand his [redacted] [redacted] the Brooklyn area of the CP. Informant further advised on April 2, 1959, that the subject attended a meeting on March 28, 1959, of the New York State CP held at [redacted] for the purpose of hearing a report on the National Executive Committee statement concerning youth activity of the CP. In May, 1959, the subject attended a seminar on the Negro question conducted by the [redacted] [redacted] CP. On January 2, 1959, the subject attended a meeting of the CP [redacted]

[redacted] The purpose of this meeting was to establish a college committee with the aim of establishing clubs on all the college campuses in the city.

APPROACH

The subject can be directly approached on the street after he has left his residence or place of employment, circumstances permitting. Every effort will be made to engage the subject in conversation regarding youth activity if at all possible.

Bureau authority is requested to contact the subject under the Toplev Program on the street away from his residence or place of employment.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 9-28-59.

Authority is granted to contact [Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [Redacted] is a housewife residing at [Redacted] New York. She is the wife of [Redacted] a Toplev subject who has been interviewed during the past year. Mrs. [Redacted] has participated in various CP activities and served as [Redacted] CP, in 1958.

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Re NYlet 7/21/59.

[redacted] was interviewed on 9/23/59 by SAs [redacted] and ALFRED B. NOVAK. He said that he is contemplating to work for the same [redacted] but as he has told the Agents on previous occasions he is consequently on the look-out for an opportunity to better himself with a larger firm.

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[redacted] advised that he still maintains an interest in the [redacted] which is continuing its negotiations with the government of [redacted] with a view to extending its [redacted]. He said that he hears on occasion from [redacted] who is the [redacted].

[redacted] supplied considerable information concerning WILLIAM COLAVITO, reported to be a member of the National Committee, CP; LOUIS SARAP, former editor of "Jewish Life"; RENA BURTON KLEIN; and other present and past members of the CP. This information is being disseminated to the appropriate case files.

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This office will continue to maintain contact with [redacted] and the interviewing Agents will exercise discretion and caution in order to avoid any possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

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Re Bulet 11/18/58, and NYlet 6/11/59. [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed on 6/1/59, after his return from a
trip to the Soviet Union. At that time he declined to
engage in conversation. Information has been received that
[redacted] has been considering resigning as [redacted]
[redacted] and for that reason it was
considered that a recontact with him might be productive.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

On 9/21/59, [redacted] was observed in the vicinity
of his place of employment, [redacted]. He
was approached in a secure location by SAs EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
and CHESTER A. BILLY. When [redacted] recognized the Agents
he smiled and shook his head. He was asked if he would
give them the time to have a confidential talk with him.
[redacted] replied, "Gentlemen, I am not ready to talk to you
about anything. When I arrange my mind I hope that I can
reach you." He started to walk away and the Agents accompanied
him for a short distance raising various points in an effort
to gain his confidence. [redacted] refused to reply, however,
and the interview was terminated when he turned and walked
toward his office. [redacted] was not antagonistic but he
refused to reply to any of the Agent's comments and in
view of his uncooperative attitude no consideration is
being given at this time for a recontact with him under the
Toplev Program.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [initials]
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

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On September 16, 1959, in the vicinity of Broadway and [redacted] was approached by SA [redacted] SULLIVAN and SA [redacted] for the purpose of conducting an interview under outstanding instructions relating to the [redacted] program. [initials]

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[redacted] when addressed by SA [redacted], acknowledged his identity and asked: "What does the F.B.I. want with me?" It was suggested by SA [redacted] that he possess a [redacted] and discuss with the Agents certain matters of interest to the Bureau of which he might have knowledge. [redacted] now advised, replied: "Look, I have nothing to say to you guys; just leave me alone; I don't even want to discuss to you."

The interviewing Agent responded: "Mr. [redacted] you do realize don't you that we have been very considerate in this matter by contacting you on the street rather than say at your home or office. This was done so as to avoid for you any possible embarrassment." [redacted] reportedly is fearful of losing present job with union as he has written that officials are strongly anti-unionist)

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[redacted] who had started to walk away, hesitated and said: "OK, lets hear what you want." It was explained to him that his knowledge of CP matters might only assist the Bureau in its function of protecting the Internal Security of the Country. [redacted] replied: "No dice. All you want is a stool pigeon...and anyway you've got nothing on me."

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[redacted] When [redacted] was advised that to the contrary many of his activities were known to the Agents, he responded: "I suppose you mean my activity on the picket line." The Agents impressed [redacted] with the fact that they had no interest in his activity on the picket line but were referring to his activity on behalf of the Communist Party.

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At this point the Bureau's policy in regard to labor and management was thoroughly explained to the subject.

[redacted] responded: "Look, I know you guys would be contacting me and I thought this all out beforehand. This is not an 'Emotional Outburst' on the spur of the moment. I speak good enough English so you understand me. I just want to be left alone and to have nothing to do with you. I can't make it any plainer."

It was pointed out to [redacted] that if he had reached a decision, before being contacted, of what he was going to say to the Agents, that surely that decision was made without the benefit of even this preliminary discussion and further, conceivably, he might alter that decision following only a brief discussion.

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"Discussion of what?" [redacted] asked. It was suggested that perhaps his impressions of his recent trip abroad would be a reasonable starting point. "So I save my hard earned money for a little vacation and now I must discuss it with the FBI. Goodbye".

[redacted] [redacted] could depart, but following several more pleasant exchanges, [redacted] advised that the Agents would be contacting him again. [redacted] replied: "Well that's your job. To do it right I guess you have to keep after people. I guess that's what I would do if I had your job." The interview terminated on this more friendly note. [redacted] declined however to shake hands with the Agents when departing.

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[redacted] During the interview, impressed the Agents as being obsessed with a hatred for anything and everything. It is believed that [redacted] conceivably, might cooperate with the Bureau if this hatred could be directed against the CP. [redacted] will be contacted again within 30 days.

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H.B. HUNT

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ReBulet dated 7/29/59 and FD 205 dated 8/21/59.

On 9/28/59 [redacted] was contacted under the Toplev Program at her residence, [redacted] New York, by SAs P. T. J. LEIGHTON and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN.

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SA LEIGHTON identified himself to the subject, who partially opened the door to her apartment, and explained that she was being contacted on a confidential basis concerning a matter relating to the Internal Security of the United States. Subject stated that she was not feeling well, had problems of her own, was not working and lived alone since her husband's death, and did not feel like talking to the agents. The agent expressed sympathy at the loss of subject's husband, and pointed out to her that they did have an important matter to discuss with her but if she was not well enough to talk to them they would gladly call on her again. Subject replied that she did not feel well, and it was up to the agents whether they wanted to come back. Subject was advised that she would be recontacted, and that it was hoped that she would feel better soon.

Although subject gave no indication of being willing to help the FBI she was very friendly and did appear to be suffering from a cold. Subject will be recontacted under the Toplev Program within thirty days and the Bureau advised of the results.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

9/29/59

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Rebulet 7/29/59 authorizing a contact with [redacted] under the
Toplev Program. [redacted] the New York
State CP.

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During the course of spot checks [redacted] was observed, but
not alone, and a discreet interview was not possible. During the
past month [redacted] mother, with whom he resided, became seriously ill
and died. During her illness [redacted] stayed at home to be of assistance.
As a result, efforts to contact [redacted] were temporarily deferred to
avoid embarrassment. [redacted] has changed his place of employment to the
[redacted] N. Y.

Efforts to contact [redacted] will continue and it is believed
this interview can be arranged by 10/29/59.

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ReBulet, 7/29/59.

On 9/16/59, a firm was conducted in the vicinity of subject's residence, [redacted], NY, by SAs PETER J. LEIGHTON and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN. At approximately 10:00 A.M. [redacted] was observed leaving her apartment alone. She was approached by SA SULLIVAN when she had walked about a block from her residence.

[redacted] acknowledged her identity, however, when the agent introduced himself as the subject immediately stated she had nothing to say to the FBI.

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The agent walked along with [redacted] explaining the duties and responsibilities of the FBI and the fact that [redacted] due to her experience and background, was in an excellent position to assist the Government.

The agent also commented on the factionalism that has developed within the CP and the fact that many people have changed their views with regard to the CP.

[redacted] clearly indicated she was not going to cooperate with the FBI. She repeatedly stated she had nothing to say to the FBI.

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The agent made additional efforts to engage [redacted] in conversation, however, she would only say "Good-bye".

Evaluation of Interview

[redacted] was well-mannered and courteous, however, firm is her refusal to cooperate to any extent with the FBI. No further consideration is being given to recontacting her at this time.

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ReBulet 7/29/59.

On 9/22/59, [redacted] was interviewed by surprise at her residence, [redacted] by SAs JOHN J. [redacted] and J. WILMER MIRANDELL.

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[redacted] opened the door a few inches with the night chain attached. She acknowledged her identity and allowed the agents to explain the purpose of speaking with her. Immediately thereupon she stated rather angrily that she had nothing to say to the FBI. She was asked politely whether another occasion might be more convenient, and she repeated that she did not care to speak to the FBI at any time. She then closed the door.

By reason of the fact that [redacted] did not indicate the slightest attitude of cooperativeness, nor any degree of willingness to enter into a discussion, it is not believed worthwhile to pursue this any further at present.

All outstanding leads having been covered, this case is being placed in a closed status.

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SAC, New York

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[Redacted] Additional authority is granted to contact
whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding
instructions under the Tugley Program.

If this interview is not conducted within
30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 67 D
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

9/25/59

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Re Bulet 11/18/58, suggesting recontacts with subjects original interview under the Toplev program.

On 9/14/59, subject was observed in vicinity of her residence, [redacted] New York, by SAS ALFRED D. NOVAK and [redacted]. When it was observed that she was alone and a considerable distance from her residence, she was contacted on the street by the above agents. Mrs. [redacted] appeared to recognize the agents immediately and stated that she recalled talking to them a couple of years ago. Mrs. [redacted] stated that since last contacted she did not have any political activity whatsoever and that as far as she was concerned the Communist Party was a "non-entity." She stated that she did not believe that the Party had any influence whatsoever in the affairs of the United States.

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Subject stated in answer to questions by the agents that she did not believe that the Communist Party as an organization was ever a danger to the American form of Government. She advised that during her contact with the Labor Movement, which she stated she terminated in approximately 1951, she had contact with many persons of various political ideals including members of the Communist Party. She stated that to her knowledge, none of the individuals which she contacted were dangerous to this form of government.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that in 1951, she had visited the Soviet Union as a member of a [redacted] and that while there she saw a lot of things in the Soviet Union that were good and many things that were not good. She added that there are many things in this country that are not good. Subject thereafter stated that she agreed with the agents that there were more good things in the United States than in the Soviet Union and further that freedom of the individual was an important item in consideration as to the better system.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that at the present time she was only interested in her family as she is only a housewife. She further advised that her husband, [redacted] was employed in a job which took a great deal of his time and that he was away from home all day, getting home late in the evening and that she could not speak for him regarding his attitude towards the Communist Party. She added that her husband had no time to spend in any organization except his employment.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that she believed she was aware as to the agents' purpose in the contact and she had firmly made up her mind several years ago that she could never talk about individuals. The agents pointed out to subject that she was in the position in which she could give this government considerable assistance if she would come to the conclusion that the Communist Party in the United States was evil and should be exposed by every thinking American citizen. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she did not feel this way and that she could never bring herself to the point of talking to the Government about persons' politics. The agents advised [redacted] that the Communist Party was not a Political Party as the Democratic or Republican Party, but had always acted as an arm of the Soviet Union. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she did not recognize it in this way and that she could not, under any circumstances, help the agents. At this point in the interview, she stated that she would desire to be excused and when it became obvious that she would not continue the conversation, the interview was terminated on a friendly basis.

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[REDACTED]

Throughout this interview which lasted approximately fifteen minutes, Mrs. [REDACTED] was friendly to the agents but was firm in her refusal to cooperate regarding Communist matters. In view of her refusal to cooperate, no further contact is planned with her at this time.

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Reurlet dated 9-16-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He resides with his wife at [redacted] New York. [redacted] is currently employed as an [redacted] by the firm of [redacted] New York. In view of [redacted] long association with the Communist Party, it is felt an interview with him under this program should be attempted.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] RM
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ReBulet 3/31/59 granting authority to interview [redacted]
in accordance with outstanding instructions of the Toplev
Program, and subsequent NY letter 7/13/59 reflecting
inability to contact [redacted] by reason of his departure on
vacation and rather abnormal routine at home.

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On 9/24/59 it was ascertained that subject continues
to reside and be employed as before. There is no information
regarding communist activity since Bulet of 3/31/59 which
might preclude this interview.

NY is now renewing its efforts to interview [redacted]

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ReNYlet 2/26/59, setting forth results of contact with [redacted] on 2/17/59.

On 9/17/59, a fisur was conducted in the vicinity of subject's employment, [redacted] by SAS JOHN J. MATTIMORE and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN. Inasmuch as [redacted] was alone she was approached by SA SULLIVAN. The subject immediately recognized the agent and as on 2/17/59, became very sarcastic. She turned from the agent and ran across the street stating, "Why don't you leave me alone?"

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The agent attempted to engage [redacted] in conversation by walking along with her and explaining the importance of the Bureau's work, however, she refused to listen. She merely repeated over and over "Leave me alone."

The interview was terminated inasmuch as [redacted] refused to converse with the agent.

Evaluation of Interview. [redacted] was completely uncooperative and sarcastic, indicating that she will not cooperate in any way with the Bureau. No consideration is being given to recontacting her at this time.

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MEMORANDUM, FBI (100-3-99)

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Re: NYlot 8/6/59.

On 9/22/59, a file was conducted in the vicinity of [redacted] residence, [redacted] by SAs PATRICK J. LYNDEN and THOMAS P. SULLIVAN.

[redacted] was observed to leave his apartment house and to walk west to Broadway in the direction of his employment. On [redacted] he was approached by SA SULLIVAN. The Subject immediately recognized the agent as having contacted him previously.

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The agent explained to [redacted] that he was being recontacted in view of the statements made by him during the last interview. It was pointed out that Meyer had stated he would do anything for his country and always had the interest of the U.S. at heart. The agent further stated that he as a representative of Subject's government was seeking his cooperation in a matter regarding the security of our nation. [redacted] was advised that due to his experience and background he was in an excellent position to demonstrate his loyalty to the U.S.

[redacted] reiterated how he had served his country in the armed forces in World War II. He further stated he has never done anything harmful to the U.S. As far as assisting the FBI he maintained there is nothing he could do to help.

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The agent explained that Meyer was obviously insincere stating at one point he would do anything for his country and then concluding that there was nothing he could do to help. The agent then reminded Meyer that he had participated in CP underground activities for a period of three or four years, that he had assumed other identities in other localities and had used aliases in signing certain documents. He was told that such

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReNYlet 1/28/59.

On 9/15/59, a fisur was conducted in the vicinity of [redacted] by SAs PETER J. LEIGHTON and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN.

At approximately 8:45 a.m., [redacted] was observed to leave the apartment house and to proceed in the direction of his automobile 3 blocks away. When he was approached by SA SULLIVAN he readily recognized the agent as having talked to him on 1/22/59.

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[redacted] was advised that the agent's purpose in recontacting him was to determine whether or not he had given any additional thought to cooperating with the FBI. [redacted] immediately answered that there was no way in which he could help the FBI.

The agent then pointed out that [redacted] was certainly in a position to assist the FBI in view of his experience and background. [redacted] was reminded that in the past he has held responsible positions in the CP. The agent pointed out that [redacted] had served as [redacted] NY Sect. and had instructed at Party schools and consequently could assist the Government if he so desired. Again [redacted] avowed that there was nothing he could do to help.

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The agent tried to convince [redacted] that it was his duty and responsibility to cooperate with the FBI, however,

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he only repeated "There's no way I can help you let's drop it as this".

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[REDACTED] continued his reluctance to cooperate to any extent with the FBI. Although courteous, [REDACTED] made it clear he doesn't appreciate being recontacted. In view of the above, no further contact is contemplated at this time.

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September 22, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-9 [redacted])

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Reurlet dated 9-11-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever possible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 7 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. She is married to [redacted] Security Index subject of the New York Office, and resides with him at [redacted] New York. She is employed as an [redacted] [redacted] New Jersey. She is a graduate of [redacted] and a member of the [redacted] While in college she [redacted] the LYL and was also upstate [redacted] the LYL in 1950-1951. According to the latest information, she is [redacted] CP, and a member of the [redacted] CP. When contacted under the Security Informant Program 10-28-53 she was uncooperative. Authority was granted to approach her under the Toplev Program in Bulet 5-26-59 but shortly thereafter she departed for Europe with her husband. New York has now advised they have returned to New York City.

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ReBulet 11/13/58, suggesting recontacts with persons originally contacted under the TOPLEV Program.

[redacted] was last contacted on 10/29/58, at which time he was friendly to the interviewing agents but refused to cooperate.

On 1/3/59, [redacted] was observed to leave his residence, [redacted] NY, by SAs ALBERT B. NOVAK and [redacted] When it was noted he was alone, he was contacted on the street a discreet distance from his residence.

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[redacted] appeared to recognize the agents immediately because he started waving his arm as they approached. The agents advised [redacted] that they felt he must have given the matter previously discussed considerable thought and that he must have come to a conclusion to aid the U.S. [redacted] at this time, had reached his auto and he hastily entered the car and stated that he had told the agents all he wanted to the last time and would make no further comment. The agents attempted to draw him in further conversation [redacted] refused to say anything. He thereafter started his car. When it became obvious that he would not continue the conversation, the agents advised him to consider the matter of cooperation with the Government and if he ever changed his mind to call the NYO. He refused to comment and the contact was terminated.

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Throughout the interview, [redacted] appeared nervous and upset by the contact and firmly refused to cooperate with the agents. No further contact is planned with him at this time.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Captioned subject has previously been interviewed under the Security Informant Program on 12/5/56 and refused to cooperate. However, the subject is presently active as a [redacted] CP Committee and also serves as a [redacted]. Since the subject is presently considered an active [redacted] she has been selected for recontact under the Toplev Program.

BACKGROUND

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A review of the subject's file reveals that she was born on [redacted]. The file further reveals that the subject filed Petition for Naturalization No. [redacted] in U. S. District Court, EDNY. She was admitted to U. S. citizenship under Certificate of Naturalization No. [redacted] issued [redacted]. The subject emigrated to the United States from Latvia, entering the United States at New York City on [redacted]. This subject was previously married to [redacted] on [redacted] and was divorced from the latter in [redacted] New York, on [redacted]. The subject is presently married to [redacted] this marriage having taken place on [redacted]. It should be noted that both the subjects' parents were reported to have been born in [redacted]. The subject has been previously employed in the [redacted] but at the present time she is reported to be a housewife, residing with her husband [redacted] New York.

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Re: [REDACTED]

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CP BACKGROUND

The subject has been active in CP activity since the early 1940's and [REDACTED] the CP, USA. In July, 1945, the subject [REDACTED] the New York CPA. The subject was reported to have served as [REDACTED] the morning session of the [REDACTED] CP Convention, Brooklyn, New York, [REDACTED] at which time she was elected to the new [REDACTED] CP Committee. The subject has served as a [REDACTED] from June, 1949, through June, 1957. The subject also attended the [REDACTED] in 1942 and 1949. The subject was reported at one time to be friendly with [REDACTED] In [REDACTED] information was received indicating that the subject was in attendance at a two-day [REDACTED] CP membership conference held at the [REDACTED] New York.

APPROACH

Subject can be directly approached on the street, circumstances permitting, after she has departed from her residence.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject under the Toplev Program.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

9/16/59

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[redacted] has been selected as an individual to be approached under outstanding instructions relating to the Tolson Program. [redacted] formerly a member of the [redacted] the CP and later [redacted] New York group of the [redacted] the Communist Party, has, in recent months, curtailed his activity with both these groups.

BACKGROUND

[redacted] a citizen by virtue of birth, is married and resides with his wife [redacted] New York. [redacted] who had entered the U. S. Army in August 1941, was honorably discharged from military service as a [redacted] in January 1946. Records disclose [redacted] attended the [redacted] (1946-47) and [redacted] (1951-54). [redacted] is currently employed as an [redacted] in New York.

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ACTIVITY

[redacted] long association with the Communist movement dates back to the late 1930's at which time it was alleged that he was a member of the Young Communist League. Following a five year period of military service, which terminated in 1946, information was received that strongly indicated CP membership on his part in 1947. In 1954 [redacted] was observed in the company of an individual known to have been functioning in the CP under round at that time. During the years 1956-57,

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[redacted] became extremely active in the [redacted] CP and because of membership on the [redacted] the CP during this period it is reasonably assumed that he was actually the [redacted] CP. During this period [redacted] attended numerous meetings on a club and section level as well as the [redacted] CP Convention and the New York State CP Convention. [redacted] also attended the [redacted] of the Communist Party as a [redacted]

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Following the 16th National Convention in 1957 and well into 1958 [redacted] became highly critical of the CP Leadership and played it for what he termed the "Badly Fallen Bronx County CP". [redacted] was outspoken in his criticisms at CP meetings he attended and when not recognized threatened to ally himself with the [redacted] CP which was then operating as the cadre of the "Ultra-left forces" within the CP. This [redacted] did and when finally the Ultra-left faction begged the CP to organize the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the Communist Party (PCC) [redacted] followed and eventually became the [redacted] the PCC.

In October 1958 [redacted] was expelled from the CP for his activities with the Ultra-left forces.

[redacted] continued his activities with the PCC until early in 1959 when it was reported that he had left that organization.

Recently [redacted] attended a meeting of an [redacted] of Communists however he walked out on the meeting after an insult was directed at his wife who was also in attendance.

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AUTHORITY TO THE VIEW

Bureau authority to interview the subject, under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev Program, is hereby requested. If needed subject will be approached away from his residence and employment.

1/31/56. [redacted] was previously interviewed on 9/29/55 and was uncooperative on both occasions.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

9/16/59

ATTN.: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. W. BELMONT

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Re NYlet 7/1/59 advising that an attempt would be made to reinterview [redacted]

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On 9/16/59, SAS [redacted] and ALFRED B. NOVAK observed [redacted] MI, approximately two blocks from his residence. As the agents approached, [redacted] recognized them and stopped and shook hands. [redacted] smilingly asked if there was anything new and if he could help the agents in any way. The agents assured him that he could very definitely help them, and although it was apparent that [redacted] had made his offer of assistance in a joking mood, the agents again painstakingly outlined the manner in which he could cooperate with them. They pointed out that his background and his associations made him ideally suited for rendering invaluable aid to the government in its internal security investigations.

[redacted] remarked that he just did not believe that he could be of any help, as he was solely concerned with making a living and taking care of his family. The agents advised him that they were quite certain that his task of making a living and providing for his family could be materially lightened if he consented to cooperate with the government. [redacted] merely shrugged his shoulders and said he would get along as best he could.

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The agents told him that they were particularly interested in knowing the reasons for his presence at a meeting of the [redacted] the CP in February

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1955. [redacted] evaded replying directly and said that he was not interested in discussing the matter.

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The agents pointed out that they had had several discussions with him in the past and told him to think over very carefully what they had told him and to consider the possibility of cooperating with them. [redacted] then said, "Some day I might change. It might come from in here" (tapping his chest) "or it might come from outside. The agents urged him to continue to give the matter careful consideration and said they would see him again.

While [redacted] was evasive in his answers, he remained friendly in his attitude towards the agents and in view of his remark quoted above, it is believed that contact with him should again be had. Accordingly, an attempt to reinterview him will be made in approximately 60 days and the Bureau will be advised of the results.

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Re Cleveland letter 7/30/59 and Bureau letter 8/12/59 authorizing contact with subject.

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Subject operates the [redacted] Ohio. The [redacted] which he operates himself, is located in the [redacted] rear, of a [redacted] in which other companies also do business. He also has a [redacted] adjoining, the [redacted] occupation of him.

On 8/31/59 subject's car was observed by SA [redacted] and EDWIN B. BIRNEY to be parked in the lot adjacent to the entrance to his place of business, and he was observed to be alone.

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At 12:05 PM SA BIRNEY approached subject and introduced himself. [redacted] first question was, "What does the FBI have with me?" Agent explained the jurisdiction of the FBI as it pertains to the investigation of subversive activities and organizations, including those advocating the forceful overthrow of the Government.

[redacted] replied that he never heard anyone advocate the overthrow of the Government and said, "Capitalism, yes," indicating his approval of the overthrow of Capitalism. He referred to Capitalism as "bloodsuckers," and said capitalism should be replaced by "Socialism" in the United States and cited the American revolution as an example of a successful rebellion of the people against Governmental authority. He did not denounce the one party dictatorship in the Soviet Union and Soviet satellites, except to say that what those people do is their business,

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and does not concern him. He stated he did not consider himself a "Capitalist" even though he operates his own business, and he complained of the hard work he had to perform in order to support his wife [redacted]

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In discussing his business he stated he works alone; that in one day recently he [redacted] and that the demand for the old European style [redacted] [redacted] is falling off, due to changing tastes of Czech-Slovak immigrants.

He indicated that he had no personal animosity toward the Agent, but believed that the FBI should devote its energies to the investigation of "crime," and should not be investigating "people." He stated he has many friends who do not believe as he does, but that it does not affect their personal relationship.

He approved of the forthcoming visit of KHRUSHCHEV and advocated increased social, cultural, and economic exchanges between the United States and the Soviet Union.

He expressed the opinion that Capitalism and Communism should be debated on the same platform, allowing the majority of the people to decide which they preferred, and deplored the virtual exclusion of the Communist point of view from public media.

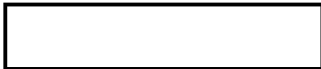
He approved of Social Security, unemployment compensation, and the like, and remarked that "Capitalists" call these measures Communistic.

At one point he said he had once been the [redacted] an organization," but that he is no longer.

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He reiterated that what the "people" do is their business, and should not be subject to investigation, a word which when used by the Agent appeared to antagonize him.

After approximately twenty minutes of discussion, [redacted] shook hands with the Agent, and excused himself indicating he had to resume his work.



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EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

When first approached, [redacted] exhibited an antagonistic attitude, and with armwaving gestures strongly expressed his views in support of "Socialism" against "Capitalism," and against the FBI investigating "people." He occasionally resorted to speaking in the [redacted] language. He does not speak English well, and apparently has some difficulty in understanding it. He did not at any time indicate that he had any doubts regarding the correctness of his views, and appeared unwilling to even consider any alternative to the establishment of "Socialism" in the United States. At the conclusion of the interview he expressed himself in a much calmer manner, and apparently feeling that he had said too much, terminated the interview by returning to his work.

In view of the foregoing, no consideration is being given to recontact with the subject at this time.

The subject's name is included in the Security Index of the Cleveland Office, and a report regarding the subject was last submitted on 4/8/59.

The results of the interview of the subject will be included in next report submitted and his case is being placed in a closed status at this time.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 5/26/59 authorizing interview of [redacted] under the Toplev Program, and NYlet 6/18/59 advising that interview would have to be held in abeyance in view of subject's and subject's husband's departure for Europe.

On 9/9/59 it was determined that subject and her husband returned from Europe 9/7/59 and are again residing in their apartment. Authority is, therefore, requested to contact [redacted] under the Toplev Program.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

DATE: 9/17/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK [redacted]

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ReBulet 8/17/59 authorizing interview with [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted in the vicinity of his residence under secure conditions on 9/16/59 by SA GERHARD P. HUNDT with SA RUSSELL H. HORNER in a position to observe the interview from a Bureau car nearby.

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After having identified himself, SA HUNDT asked whether [redacted] had a few minutes to discuss a matter of mutual interest. [redacted] immediately replied that he had no time inasmuch as he was on his way to work.

It is noted that [redacted] at present works a 4:00 PM to midnight shift. Inasmuch as he was contacted at approximately 2:15 PM and takes approximately 20-30 minutes to get to work, he had more than sufficient time to talk if he so desired.

SA HUNDT thereupon suggested that he would be glad to talk to [redacted] at any time which was suitable to the subject, but [redacted] replied "I have nothing to say to the FBI."

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SA HUNDT stated that if [redacted] would simply listen to what HUNDT had to say, he might find the subject of interest to him. [redacted] however, stated "I am not interested in what you have to say and I am not interested in discussing anything with the FBI."

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[Redacted] then entered his car and prepared to drive off. Before he left, SA HUNDT asked him to call the FBI if he should change his mind, saying that someone would be willing to talk with him at any time. The subject shook his head and drove away.

[Redacted] did not seem disturbed over the contact and spoke quietly but firmly. He gave no indication of nervousness and appeared as though he had long ago prepared his answers in the event he should be contacted by Bureau Agents.

It is not felt that a recontact in the near future would be productive.

Set out below is a description of subject as obtained by interview and personal observation of SAs HUNDT and HORNER:

Name:	[Redacted]	
Race:	[Redacted]	
Sex:	Male	
Age:	Appears to be about [Redacted]	b7D
Height:	About 5'7"-5'9"	
Weight:	About 180 lbs.	
Hair:	Brown, balding on top	
Eyes:	Brown, wears glasses	

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

9/17/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 11/18/58.

On September 15, 1959, Special Agents John J. Mattimore and Edward W. Buckley observed the subject to depart from her residence, [redacted] New York, and walk in the direction of the shopping area. A direct approach was made to the subject on the street by the above-mentioned agents, who introduced themselves to the subject after she admitted her identity. The subject immediately stated, "Leave me alone--drop dead. Don't bother me." She then turned away from the agents and rapidly walked across the street in an effort to elude the agents. The agents accompanied her for a short distance, advising her that she should give the matter some additional thought and if at some future date she wanted to discuss anything she should feel free to call this office.

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In view of the subject's sarcastic attitude no additional contacts will be made with the subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 9/17/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK

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On 9/15/59, [redacted] was contacted on SAC authority for purposes of interview under this program. The contact was made by SA ELDRED W. COX on Goldsmith Ave., Newark. SA [redacted] was in position to observe the contact.

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When Mrs. [redacted] observed SA COX approaching, she appeared to surmise his identity, and at first kept her face averted and continued walking in the direction of her residence while the Agent identified himself and explained his desire to speak to her on a confidential basis. She finally faced Agent COX and declared she would not say anything. She firmly repeated this statement to every subsequent statement made by the Agent. The entire contact lasted approximately two or three minutes, and was terminated as she resumed walking toward her residence. It was clear that she had no intention of entering into any discussion.

Recommendation

In view of her non-cooperative attitude, no further contact with the subject is contemplated at this time.

Status of File on [redacted]

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Report of SA PETER J. BARNES, JR., on [redacted] aka, SM-C, dated 7/9/59, set forth a lead to interview this subject. As this lead has been covered, the Newark file on her is being closed. Results of the interview will be set forth in the next annual report.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99) DATE: 9/23/59

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-4379-99)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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ReBulet 9/11/59.

The following individuals were interviewed under this program since receipt of Bulet 11/18/58:



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The above individuals with the exception of [redacted] were interviewed on one occasion since the program was reopened in response to Bulet 11/18/58. [redacted] were interviewed on 2 occasions.

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It is also noted that [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed by Albany Agents at the request of the Buffalo Office on at least 2 occasions as a result of the reopening of this program. Albany is now OO with regard to [redacted]

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As the Bureau was advised in BUlet 5/21/59 under the caption, "CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS - C," and [redacted] IS - C," the Toplev Program was being discontinued by the Buffalo Office inasmuch as there were no outstanding contacts to be made.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/1/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK

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SUBJECT: CP, USA
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ReBulet 12/18/58 and Nklet 9/1/59.

In accordance with referenced Bulet, the following information is being submitted regarding this program:

I. Names of subjects selected for reinterview requiring no additional Bureau authority to contact:

None

II. Names of individuals who are now being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted but require Bureau reauthorization:

III. Names of subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during the month:

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IV. Number of agents assigned to this program:

One

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V. Brief Comments regarding Newark's progress and plans to implement the program:

Upon completion of the interviews with the individuals set out under Paragraph II above, it is contemplated that a review will be made of subjects previously eliminated from the program for reasons which may have been of a temporary nature such as illness. The Bureau will be advised in future letters of the names of any individuals thus re-evaluated who may be reconsidered for interview.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/1/59

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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Remylet 9/2/59.

The following is the status of the TOPLEV Program in the Philadelphia Office:

I. Subjects to be Reinterviewed requiring no Bureau Authority:

[redacted]

II. Persons being Considered for initial contact and Requiring Bureau authorization:

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III. Persons interviewed during September 1959:

[redacted] was reinterviewed with negative results. Efforts were made on a number of occasions to interview [redacted] on the street with negative results.

IV. There were four agents assigned on a part time basis to the TOPLEV Program during September 1959. One of these agents, SA WILLIAM F. McLAUGHLIN, is now under transfer and will leave Philadelphia during October.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 9-30-59

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (66-3047)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Re: New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 8-31-59.

- 1) Names of subjects selected for interview requiring no additional Bureau authority to contact: None.
- 2) Names of subjects who are being considered for initial contact, or who have been contacted but require Bureau re-authorization: [redacted]
- 3) Number of subjects interviewed, or re-interviewed during the month: One. [redacted] Bufile [redacted]
- 4) Number of Agents assigned to this program at this time: Six.
- 5) Comments regarding progress and plans to implement this program in New Haven:

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As stated above, an interview of [redacted] was completed during September, 1959, and she was completely uncooperative. In view of her uncooperative attitude, and the uncooperative attitude of her husband, [redacted] who was also recently interviewed under this Program, no further plans for interview with her are being made at this time.

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The NHO at the present time is concentrating on an early contact with [redacted] Further reviews are being continued, looking for additional individuals who would be proper for interview under this Program.

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The progress of this Program in the NHO will be reviewed at the end of October, 1959, and the Bureau advised of the results.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: September 29, 1959

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
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Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, dated 8/28/59.

This is to advise that those individuals previously designated for re-interview or to be interviewed for the first time, have either been interviewed to date or else individual letters have been submitted to the Bureau setting forth that they would not be re-interviewed at this time for reasons of security to informants or other pertinent information.

As this office has previously indicated, there are a considerable number of individuals who qualify for interview under the Toplev Program and it is anticipated that individual requests will be made each month hereafter in those pertinent cases where the interview can be conducted without jeopardizing existing security informants. It is anticipated that within the near future, requests for interview under the Toplev Program will be submitted on the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>LA File</u>	<u>Bureau File</u>

The Bureau will be kept advised of further additions to the list of individuals to be interviewed under this program and each month a letter, as well as the results of interviews, and re-interviews, conducted, will be submitted.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE September 30, 1959

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (66-4754)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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Re Cleveland letter 9/1/59.

Names of Subjects Selected for Reinterview Requiring No Additional Authority to Contact

None

Names of Individuals Who Are Being Considered for Initial Contact or Who Have Been Contacted But Require Bureau Reauthorization



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Names of Subjects Interviewed or Reinterviewed During the Month

None

Number of Agents Assigned to the Program at the Present Time

There are three Agents assigned part-time to the program.

Brief Comments Regarding Progress and Plans to Implement the Program

During the preceding month investigation and file reviews regarding the above-listed subjects were conducted and letters requesting Bureau authority to interview subjects are in dictation.

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- 1 - Cleveland

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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On September 25, 1959, [redacted] was approached by SA J. [redacted] and SA J. [redacted] for the purpose of conducting an interview under circumstances instructions relating to the Topsy Program. The approach was made along the concourse of the New York Port Authority Terminal, New York City.

The Agents identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI and suggested to the subject that he assist them to discuss certain matters in which his presence had an interest. [redacted] acknowledged his identity but hesitated only a moment before he was on his way to work and would board his bus immediately. Before departing, [redacted] agreed to think over the solicitation made by the Agents. He was advised that he would be contacted again. [redacted] merely nodded that he understood. The interview was terminated when [redacted] joined a queue on the bus ramp.

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There had been brief contact [redacted] and no [redacted] appeared hostile or ill-will, greatly surprised.

[redacted] will be recontacted within 30 days in order that the extent of his cooperation with the Bureau might more accurately be determined.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: September 30, 1959

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FROM : SAC, Detroit (66-3360)

✓ SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER, 1959

Remylet dated August 31, 1959.

1. The following Subjects were selected for reinterview requiring no additional authority to contact:



2. Names of individuals who are being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted with required Bureau authorization:



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3. Names of Subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during the Month of September, 1959:

NONE

4. Number of Agents assigned to this program at the present time, in addition to their other security assignments:

Six

Agents assigned to this program have given careful thought to all contacts which may be made and are alerted to take advantage of any weaknesses on the part of the individual subjects, so that we may obtain additional informants in the CP, USA.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/1/59

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO [redacted]

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ReBulet to Baltimore dated 12/18/58.

Names of Subjects Selected
For Re-interview Requiring No
Additional Bureau Authority
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It is noted that Chicago's last letter relative to the TOPLEV program listed [redacted] as an individual to be interviewed under this program; however, [redacted] on 2/22/59 moved out of the Chicago area and is no longer being considered by this office as a TOPLEV interviewee.

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With the deletion of [redacted] the names of [redacted] are being added at this time.

During the month of August, 1959, efforts were made to contact [redacted] in secure places without success. With the exception of [redacted] efforts are continuing to contact these individuals under secure conditions and under conditions which would be most conducive to a successful attempt at interviewing them.

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Names of Individuals Who Are
Being Considered For Initial Con-
tact ~~and~~ Who Have Been Contacted
Who Require Bureau Authorization

None.

Names of Subjects Interviewed or
Reinterviewed During the Month

During August, 1959, [REDACTED]
was contacted but refused to be interviewed. No further
contact with [REDACTED] is contemplated at this time.

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In addition, during the past month [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed. [REDACTED] although
failing to fully cooperate with interviewing agents, does
consent to recontacts. Therefore, Chicago believes inter-
views with him are warranted and will continue to be con-
ducted until such time as his potential is determined.

Number of Agents Assigned to
This Program at This Time

At the present time, there are five Special
Agents assigned part time to the TOPLEY program in the
Chicago Division.

Brief Comments Regarding Program and
Plans to Implement Program

This program is continuing to receive close super-
vision and emphasis in the Chicago Division and Chicago is
being most circumspect in the selection of candidates for
interview in order to insure that the best results possible
can come from any cooperative subject.

All agents working Security cases in the Chicago
Division are kept constantly aware of the TOPLEY program
and the need for likely candidates for interview. All agents
in this office are on the alert for any potentials to this
program.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)(REG.)(AM) DATE: October 1, 1959

FROM : SAC, Seattle (66-2135)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Remylet 9-2-59 and Bulet 9-23-59.

- 1. Subjects selected for reinterview requiring no additional Bureau authority to contact:

[Redacted]

- 2. Individuals being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted but require Bureau re-authorization:

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- 3. Subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during month:

[Redacted] Seattle SI subject, came to the office and was interviewed during the month, at which time she stated that she is currently at odds with her former husband, [Redacted] an active member of the SWP. [Redacted] definitely offers no informant potential and additional interviews with her are not planned.

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[Redacted] Olympia SI subject, was interviewed during the month, but was uncooperative. Both [Redacted] and his wife, [Redacted] are being dropped from further consideration for informant development at this time.

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[redacted] was courteous, and furnished limited information concerning his own background during interview conducted during September. He completely denied CP membership. It appears [redacted] is in straitened circumstances, working long hours to make ends meet. A re-interview with him is planned within the next sixty days.

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Attempts to recontact [redacted] [redacted] SI subject who has been reported as being opposed to the current CP leadership, met with negative results and additional attempts at re-interview will be made during October.

4. Number of agents assigned to this program at present time

Two agents are presently assigned to the program. Two special investigations which took place during the month took approximately one week's time from the program.

5. Progress and plans to implement the program:

The interview with [redacted] would seem to indicate CP efforts to indoctrinate members against permitting contact by the FBI is not as effective as formerly, or that current CP members may be less amenable to discipline and more willing to at least listen to the other side. [redacted] agreed to an appointment made for the following day, and without protest sat in Bureau car during a half-hour interview. The foregoing may be of interest, in view of the fact that [redacted] is reliably reported as a present member of the CP, and his wife is [redacted] of her club, which is a separate club from that of her husband. To date no information has come to the attention of the Seattle Office reflecting disclosure of the Bureau contact by [redacted]. During the interview he admitted awareness of dissension in the CP, as reflected by resignations of national figures HOWARD FAST, JOHN GATES, and JOSEPH CLARK.

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Efforts will continue to develop adequate sources of TOPLEV quality, with particular emphasis on [redacted] and the [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

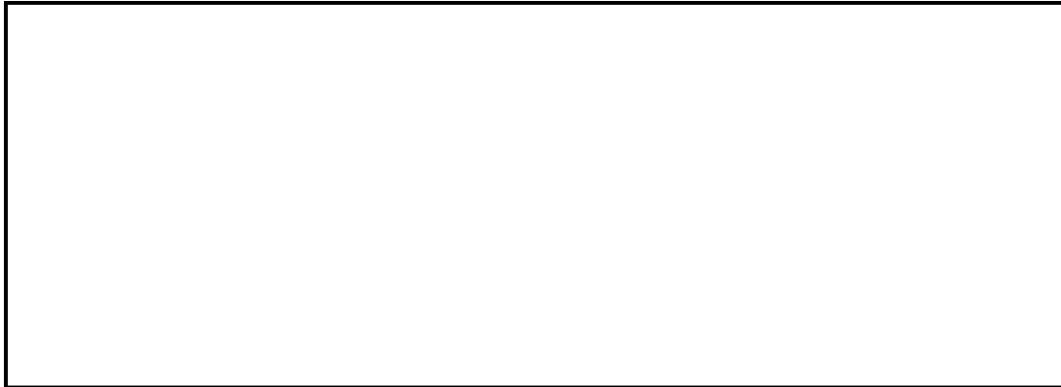
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SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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ReBulet 6/24/59 and NYlet 8/28/59.

I. The names of subjects who are being considered for recontact under the Toplev Program requiring no additional Bureau authority for recontact are as follows:



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II. The names of subjects who are being considered for interview for the first time under the Toplev Program and in each case Bureau authority will be requested. The names of subjects who were previously interviewed under the Toplev Program but because of their position in the etc., additional Bureau authority will be requested, are as follows:



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III. The following subjects have either been recontacted or interviewed for the first time under the Toplev Program during the month of September, 1959:

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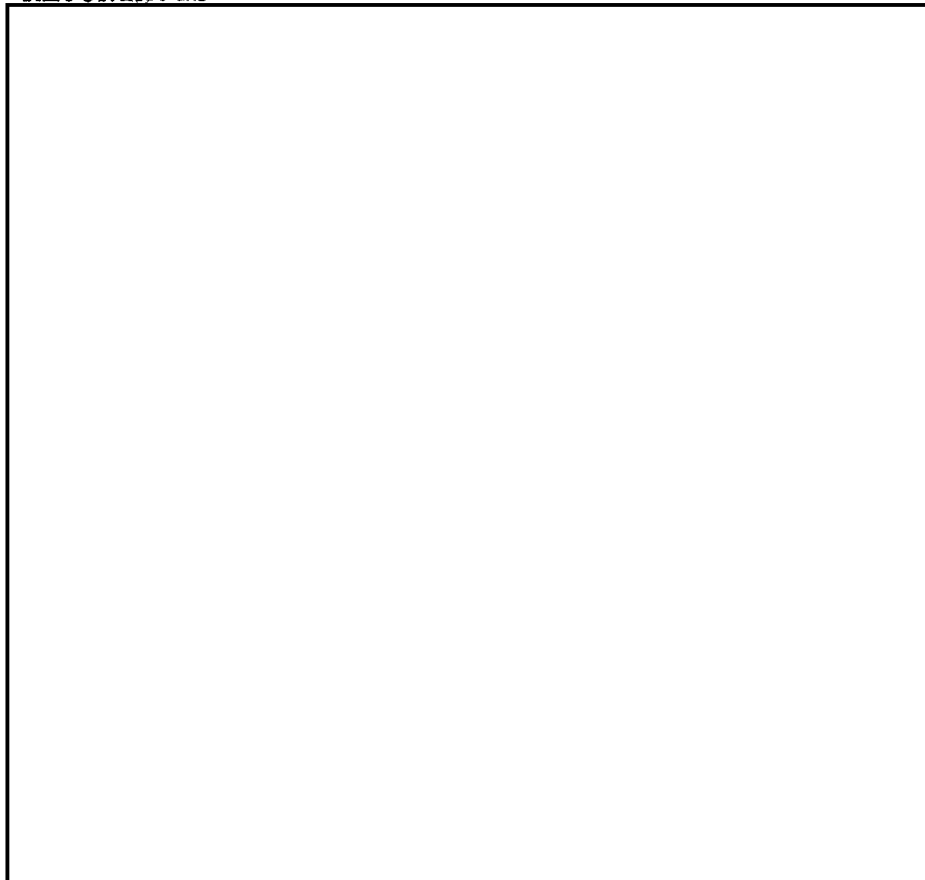




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The agents assigned to this program will make every effort to gain the cooperation of the subjects interviewed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) DATE: 9/29/59
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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Rebulet 11/18/59 and New York letter 7/13/59. [redacted]
a member of the [redacted] the CP, was not antagonistic
when contacted on 7/8/59.

RECONTACT WITH [redacted]

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On 9/25/59 [redacted] was observed leaving his place of
employment at [redacted] He was approached in a
secure location by SAs Edward W. Buckley and Chester A. Reilly. The
agents referred to their previous conversation and asked if he now
would be willing to have a confidential talk with them. [redacted]
replied that nothing had happened to cause him to change his mind.
He said in part, "I think I will just let things go along the way
they are." He then went on to repeat his earlier remarks about his
interest in improving the conditions of the Negro in the United
States and his efforts years ago to unionize workers in Birmingham.
[redacted] was firm in his refusal to cooperate in any way with the
Bureau in spite of the agents' efforts to gain his confidence. He
was not antagonistic but in view of his uncooperative attitude no
consideration is being given at this time for a recontact with him
under the Toplev Program.

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- 1 - [redacted] (INV.) (41)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/5/59

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (66-1708)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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Rebulet 9/11/59.

Listed below are the names of subjects interviewed under captioned program subsequent to Bureau letter dated 11/18/58. Also indicated are the number of times the subjects have been interviewed, including the interview conducted in accordance with Bureau letter dated 11/18/58:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

9/25/59

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Re NYlet to Bureau 7/13/59, reporting first contact with [redacted] under the Topley program.

On the morning of 9/15/59, [redacted] was observed on the street in vicinity of his residence by SAs ARNOLD W. NOVAK and [redacted]. When it was observed that he was alone and a discreet distance from his residence, he was contacted on the street by the agents. [redacted] appeared to readily identify the agents, as he started to shake his head in the negative as they approached.

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The agents explained to [redacted] that they were recontacting him because they knew that he must have given the matter of cooperating with the Government considerable thought during the past two months and they wanted to recontact him to ascertain whether there had been any change in his thinking or if any question had come up in his mind which the agents could help clarify. [redacted] answered coldly that there had been no change in his thinking and that there was no way in which he could help the Government. [redacted] stated that the agents were wasting their time talking to him as there had been no information come to his attention which would be of value to the Government. The agents asked [redacted] if he recalled attending a Communist Party [redacted] in 1947. [redacted] replied that he had never heard of such a school. The agents asked if he had been a member of the [redacted] the Communist Party. He replied that he had never heard of this organization. The agents asked [redacted] if he had been a member of the [redacted] the New York State Communist Party, and he also denied having heard of this division of the Communist Party. When asked by the agents if he believed that the Communist Party was dangerous to this form of Government, he stated that he did not want to enter in discussion with them. In answer to questions by the agents, he stated that he believed

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- 3- Bureau (100-3-99) (RM)
- (1- [redacted])
- 2- [redacted] (41)
- (1- [redacted]) (Investigative) (41)

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he was fulfilling his responsibility to his family and his country, and he stated that if he felt that he had information which would be of value to the government that he would come to the FBI and that the FBI would not have to come to him.

[redacted] at this point in the interview was walking away from the agents and he indicated that he desired the interview to be terminated. When it became obvious that he would not continue the conversation, the agents advised him to carefully consider the matter of cooperation and if he changed his mind about cooperating, to call the agents. He refused to make any other comments and the interview was terminated.

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Throughout this brief contact, [redacted] - cold and unresponsive to the agents and he indicated that he was not interested in the agents' attitude that he would not cooperate with the agents regarding Communist Party matters. In view of his negative attitude, no further contact is planned with him at this time.

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SAC, New York

September 25, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 9-17-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 27 B (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted] is reportedly a housewife residing with her husband [redacted] New York.

She was previously interviewed under the Security Informant Program in 1956 but was uncooperative. Since the 1940s she has been active in Communist Party activity and has held [redacted] positions. In view of her alleged recent attendance at a two-day [redacted] CP membership conference held at [redacted] in New York, it is felt valuable information could be obtained if she cooperated. Therefore, an attempted interview with her at this time is warranted.

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Re: Let 8/18/59 and report of SA JOHN J. MOHAN, NY, 9/18/59.

[redacted] was re-interviewed on September 23, 1959 by SAs JOHN J. MOHAN and J. [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted] NY.

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Subject was asked if she had given consideration to a conversation with the agents subsequent to the previous meeting. She responded politely but definitely, saying, "I have no desire to speak with you." With these words she terminated the discussion.

By reason of [redacted] emphatic statement regarding further conversation, it is not believed advisable to pursue further interviews with her at the present time. All current leads having been completed, this matter is being closed.

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- 3 - Bureau (2 - 100-3-99) [redacted]
- 2 - [redacted] (inv.) #11
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H.B. LEIGHTON

9/23/59

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ReBulet dated 8/19/59.

On 9/17/59 [redacted] was contacted under the Toplev Program in the vicinity of his place of employment, [redacted] New York, by SA's PETER J. LEIGHTON and EDWARD E. BUCKLEY.

Subject was contacted for interview as he approached his [redacted] by SA LEIGHTON. Subject acknowledged his identity when called by name, and upon learning the identity of the agent asked why he was being contacted. The Bureau's jurisdiction in the Internal Security Field was briefly explained to the subject, and it was pointed out that because of his activity with the Communist Party he was being offered an opportunity to be of service to his country. Subject stated that he could be of no help and had nothing to say. At this point SA BUCKLEY joined the conversation, was introduced to the subject, and the subject was advised that it was hard to understand why he refused to talk to the agents as the denunciation of STALIN by the Soviet leaders, the revolt in Hungary, and the factional struggle in the CP, USA must have made the true nature of communism clear to him. Subject replied that he really didn't have the time to talk to the agents; that he had to start work, and "I don't believe I can help you." Subject was asked to think this matter over; that it was very important to the Government as well as to himself, and he would be recontacted in the near future. The interview was terminated on a friendly basis.

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In view of the above subject will be recontacted within thirty days and the Bureau advised of the results.

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Replots dated 11/18/58 and 1/19/59.

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On 9/16/59 [redacted] was contacted under the Cover program at her residence, [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject acknowledged her identity when called by name, but upon learning the identity of the agents refused to open the door to her apartment. It was pointed out to the subject that the agents wish to discuss an important matter with her, and she was asked if she would open the door so the agents could discuss the matter with her. The subject stated that the agents should talk to her mother in the company of [redacted] and [redacted] if she would not open the door. She stated she would not open the door unless the agents should go away and leave her alone. Further efforts by the agents to get the subject to open her door were not successful, and left with no response from her.

In view of the above no further contact with the subject is warranted at this time. It is recommended that the subject be placed on the list of individuals to be contacted in the future. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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3- Bureau (100-3-92) (RM)
(1- [redacted])
2- [redacted] (Inv.) (RM)
(1- [redacted]) (RM)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

September 22, 1959

SAC, CHICAGO [redacted]

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated July 23, 1959, at Chicago.

Efforts were made to contact [redacted] away from his employment and residence in a secure location during July and August, 1959.

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On September 17, 1959, [redacted] was observed walking north on [redacted] on the west side of the street in the [redacted] approximately three quarters of a block from his residence, about 4:20 PM.

[redacted] was approached by SA WAYNE H. DRAKE and this was observed by SA [redacted] from a Bureau car, approximately 30 feet away. As [redacted] was being told of the Agent's identity and as the Agent attempted to show [redacted] his credentials, [redacted] stated "Don't bother", and [redacted] immediately continued north on [redacted] but now in a very fast walk. No further attempt to engage [redacted] in conversation was made.

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Evaluation

It is noted that [redacted] left the contacting Agent before observing Agent's credentials. From this it would appear that [redacted] has no intention whatsoever in being engaged in conversation with Agents of the FBI. However, it is also pointed out that this interview was conducted in the vicinity of his residence and that [redacted] reaction could be attributed to this fact.

It is not believed that further efforts to interview [redacted] would be productive and for this reason, Chicago's case on subject is being placed in a pending inactive status.

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2-Chicago

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ATTN.: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. M. BELMONT

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Re NYlet 8/24/59.

On two occasions, namely 9/8, 15/59, the subject was observed on the street after leaving her employment [redacted] N.Y., in the company of two other unknown women and she continued traveling with them. No contact was made since conditions were not favorable. Efforts to contact the subject were also made on 8/26, 31; 9/10, 22/59) but the subject was not observed.

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Additional Bureau approval is requested for a Toplev contact.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 11/18/58.

On 9/17/59 Special Agents Peter J. Leighton and Edward W. Buckley observed the subject to depart from her residence, [redacted] New York. After the subject was a secure distance away from her residence she was directly approached on the street by Agent Buckley, with Agent Leighton within earshot of the conversation. The subject immediately admitted her identity, remarking, "Who are you?" The agent introduced himself, exhibiting his credentials and advising her that she was being recontacted in order to grant her the opportunity to confidentially discuss Communism if she so desired. It was pointed out to her that many people in the Party whom she was formerly familiar with have changed their thinking in regard to supporting the Communist Party. The subject immediately retorted, "I'm not interested in what other people are thinking. I know many people have changed their minds but I'm not interested in discussing anything with the FBI--the FBI could do better by helping the poor people in New York City get better housing and living conditions." The agent advised that he would like to discuss this point with her if she so desired, and immediately she stated, "No, I don't want to discuss anything with the FBI. Go away. Leave me alone." She immediately turned and walked back towards her residence, remarking, "Go help the poor people." The interview was terminated when it was obvious that the subject would not discuss anything with the agent.

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No additional contacts will be had with the subject in view of her uncooperative and sarcastic attitude.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] RM
Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT

9/28/59

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[redacted] has never before been interviewed. She is the wife of [redacted] who when interviewed four times in early 1959 gave indications of cooperativeness. There is conjecture that [redacted] may have prevented her husband from cooperating. It is now believed worthwhile to interview [redacted]

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I. BACKGROUND

Subject, [redacted] female, born [redacted] derivative citizen of US through father's naturalization, NY, [redacted] married [redacted] housewife; resides [redacted]

II. CP AFFILIATION

In 1955 subject resided with husband, [redacted] (currently member NYS CP [redacted] under assumed names in [redacted] NY, in order to furnish a residence hideout for [redacted] CP underground functionary who falsely posed [redacted] Subject as [redacted] CP, Brooklyn, NY, 1958. She was accused by [redacted] CP, of trying to organize a group for peace in Far East without prior CP authority, 1958, and successfully defended by her husband. She sent a greeting card to GILBERT GREEN, incarcerated Smith Act subject, 1958. Subject was CP committee member to [redacted] [redacted] Negro rights, 1959.

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III. PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact subject pursuant to instruction relating to the TOPLEV program. If granted, [redacted] will be approached away from her residence.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

DATE: 9/29/59

From
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV b7D
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Rebulet 9/3/59 authorizing a contact with [redacted] under the Toplev Program.

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This will advise that information has been received that [redacted] is seriously ill in [redacted] having suffered several [redacted] In view of this, no effort will be made to interview him under the Toplev Program.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: October 5, 1959

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FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (66-4754)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
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Re Cleveland letter to Bureau 7/30/59.

On September 29, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, advised SA JOHN W. FOSTER that

[redacted] is presently employed by [redacted] UAW, on a full-time basis as [redacted]

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In view of the position held by [redacted] [redacted] is not being considered for interview at the present time, inasmuch as an interview of [redacted] could result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

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Director, FBI (100-3-39)-

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 10/1/59.

Activity is granted no contact details [Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

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IF this activity is not conducted in accordance with the following instructions contained in Section 57 D (7) (c) VI, Manual of Instructions.

1 - [Redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. She resides at [Redacted] New York. [Redacted] is employed as [Redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

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[redacted] had been selected as a person to approach under the Toplev Program. Her husband [redacted] was apprehended with [redacted] and others on [redacted] and was convicted for [redacted]

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BACKGROUND

Birth

The subject was born [redacted] in NYC.

Marital Status

She married [redacted]

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Residence

She resides at [redacted] NY.

Employment

She is employed as a [redacted] [redacted] NY.

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CP AFFILIATIONS

[redacted] In 1946, [redacted] was reported to be a member of the [redacted] CP and then had been a CP member for eight years. For several years after 1950 [redacted] the National CP Headquarters in NY. Her husband [redacted] was formerly a member of the CP [redacted] and during the time he was missing in the CP Underground [redacted] was in frequent contact with numerous CP officials and members. Her husband was convicted for [redacted] [redacted] fugitive. It was reported that [redacted] attended a meeting of the [redacted] CP, USA, on 3/11/52. It was reported that [redacted] resigned from the CP at a meeting held on 9/17/52. Her husband was reported also to have resigned from the CP and that they were involved in a controversy with the Party, having been accused of [redacted] in connection with the CP [redacted] was reported to have recently been in contact with [redacted] and other members of the [redacted]

The subject is included on the SI.

PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact [redacted] pursuant to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If such authority is granted, it is planned that she will be approached on the streetway from her residence or place of employment.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

10/5/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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This is to advise that on September 8, 15, 16, 18, 21, and October 5, 1959, efforts were made to contact this subject on the street, but the subject was observed only on one occasion on September 18, 1959, walking along the street accompanied by some other man, and they entered the office building at [redacted] together. Since subject was not alone, no contact was made.

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Please be advised that continued efforts will be made to interview this subject under the Toplev Program, and the Bureau will be advised of the results of this contact.

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1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, New York

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October 7, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) —

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Reurlet dated 10/1/59.

Authority is granted to contact [Redacted] however feasible in accordance with [Redacted] instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 67 D (1) (e) II, Manual of Instructions.

1 - [Redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [Redacted] is employed as a [Redacted] and resides at [Redacted] [Redacted] New York. She admitted CP membership to Agents in 1949 and during March, 1958, she reportedly was considering leaving the CP.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (INV) (41)

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[redacted] the mother-in-law of [redacted]
a Smith Act subject, has been selected as a person to
approach under the Toplev Program.

BACKGROUND

Birth

The subject on an application for a passport,
which was granted on [redacted] stated that she had
been born on [redacted]

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Marital Status

She was married on [redacted]
an American citizen.

Residence

She resides at [redacted]

Employment

She is employed as a [redacted]
[redacted] New York, a division of
the [redacted]

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CP AFFILIATIONS

On 2/7/49, the subject was interviewed by Bureau
Agents at New Haven, Connecticut, in connection with the
activities of [redacted] During that interview, she admitted
that she was a member of the CP in NYC, prior to 1944.

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In 1954, she attended a CP fund raising party. In July, 1952, she contributed an [redacted]. She was scheduled to [redacted] in 1952 - 1955. She was reported to have visited the Soviet Union in 1952.

On February 12, 1957, the subject was observed leaving Chateau Gardens at the time that the CP, USA, was holding its 16th National Convention in that hall. The subject is the mother-in-law of [redacted] with whom she lives. It was reported that in March, 1958, she had expressed herself as considering quitting the CP.

Her name is included on the SI.

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PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact [redacted] pursuant to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If such authority is granted, it is planned that she will be approached on the streetway from her residence and place of employment.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

October 6, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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SECURITY MATTER - C

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Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Topley Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. [redacted] resides with his wife at [redacted] New York. He is employed as an [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTENTION: AGNIS AND DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT

10/6/59

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Rebulet dated 8/6/59 and FD 205 dated 9/4/59.

In connection with the interview of subject under the Toplev Program the following is noted:

Numerous attempts to contact the subject in the vicinity of his residence and/or employment has not been successful to date. Investigation reflects that subject has recently changed jobs and his working hours are irregular.

Upon ascertaining subject's present employment Bureau authority will again be requested to interview him under the Toplev Program. FD 122 is being submitted.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-93)
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT)

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Re NYlet 5/21/59, reporting first contact
with [redacted] under Taylor's plan.

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[redacted] was recontacted on the [redacted] in the vicinity
of his apartment on the morning of 9/25/59, by IAS STANLEY
P. MOYAL and [redacted]

[redacted] appeared to immediately recognize Agents,
as he stopped on the curb as the Agents approached him.
Agents greeted him pleasantly, and [redacted] in a
friendly fashion.

The Agents explained they were looking for him
because they noticed his name had been given to the
cooperating with the government. [redacted] explained
during the conversation that he did not know the man.
[redacted] was asked if any provision had been made for him, or
if he had been notified.

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[redacted] stated that there had been no change in
his thinking, and that he was not going to cooperate.

[redacted] related that there was a [redacted] of
his that would be useful in two years or so.

At this point, [redacted] started moving away from
the Agents, indicating that he had another appointment
and would not continue the interview. The Agents attempted
to continue the conversation one to secure another time.

3 - Bureau (100-3-93) (RM)

(ATTN: ASSISTANT [redacted])

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when they could talk to [redacted] but he refused to agree to further conversation.

When it became obvious that he would not talk to the Agents, the contact was terminated. In view of his uncooperative attitude, no further contact is planned with [redacted] at this time.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
(ATT: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT)

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ReNYlet, 7/22/59.

On 9/17/59, SAS [redacted] and ALFRED B. NOVAK observed [redacted] walking towards his car which was parked by the intersection of [redacted] [redacted] N.Y. The Agents approached [redacted] and addressed him by name. He immediately recognized the Agents and shook hands with them in a cordial manner.

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The Agents mentioned that efforts were currently being made by the CP to rerecruit former members who had dropped out of the Party and asked whether he had recently been approached by anyone along these lines. [redacted] replied that no one had asked him to rejoin the Party and said that in his opinion, the CP in this country was dead. He said that he no longer considered FOSTER as the active leader of the Party and stated that FOSTER's recent writings were meaningless. He remarked that in his opinion FOSTER had done good work for the Party in his early years but had not given it the kind of leadership it needed in the last few years.

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[redacted] said that in his opinion socialism would eventually triumph in the US but not through the efforts or leadership of the CP. He said that this would certainly not occur in his life time, but supposed his grandchildren would live to see it. He further stated that socialism would emerge victorious through the ballot and economic evolution rather than in the manner which KHRUSHCHEV has

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(ATT: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT)

4 - [redacted] (INV) (#41)
(1 - [redacted]) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (#415)
(1 - 100-86624) (CP, USA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (#415)
(1 - [redacted]) (#41)

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predicted namely through the red flag of revolution. Commenting on KHRUSHCHEV's current visit to the US, [redacted] stated that he did not believe that this visit would have any effect on reviving the CP, USA. He expressed the opinion that KHRUSHCHEV's visit could do much toward bringing about better relations between the US and the USSR. He said that he was glad to see that the Russian language was being taught more widely in US schools since this would bring about a better understanding of Russia by the US.

[redacted] remarked that he occasionally reads "The Worker" in order to keep up with what is going on in the CP. Referring back to the Agents' earlier question as to whether anyone from the CP had contacted him, [redacted] stated that he does see people who had formerly been associated with him in the CP and he expects to be seeing more of them in the future inasmuch as he intends to supplement his income as a result of [redacted] through the [redacted]. He said that he would be calling on these former associates as prospects for purchases of [redacted] but would undoubtedly discuss other subjects such as their current views on the CP and the world situation. The Agents pointed out that such information would be of interest to them and urged [redacted] to consider supplying such information to them. [redacted] indicated that he would think the matter over and the Agents stated that they would see him again. The interview was terminated at this point.

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In view of [redacted] continued friendly attitude and his indication that he would soon be talking to more of his former associates it is believed that contact with him should be maintained and accordingly a reinterview will be attempted in approximately 45 days.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATT: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT)

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[redacted] has been selected as a person to be interviewed under the Toplev Program.

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[redacted] male US citizen, having been born [redacted]. He graduated from [redacted] in January, 1945, and attended [redacted] of NY from February to June, 1945, and from [redacted] October, 1946, to June, 1949, graduating with a Bachelor's [redacted]. He served in the US Navy between June, 1945, and October, 1946, receiving an honorable discharge with the rating of [redacted]. [redacted] FBI number [redacted] but has no criminal record.

[redacted] was married on [redacted] with whom he resides at [redacted] NY. He is employed as an [redacted] operator of the [redacted] [redacted], NYC.

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COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS

The April, 1944, edition of the [redacted] reported that [redacted]

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- (ATT: Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT)
- 1 - [redacted]
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- 1 - [redacted] (INV) (#41)

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for subscriptions to the [redacted]
of the NY State American Youth for Democracy). In 1949,
[redacted] was listed as a member of the IWO.

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In 1950, [redacted] was reported as an active
member of the CP in [redacted] Michigan, where he had been
sent as a [redacted] the CP in the summer of 1949.
While in [redacted] Michigan, [redacted] was reported to have
contributed \$300.00 to the CP in August, 1950. In December,
1950, [redacted] convention of the Labor Youth League
(LYL) in NYC [redacted] that organization from
Michigan. [redacted] was also selected to attend a convention
of the LYL in Chicago in January, 1951.

In June, 1951, [redacted] was reported to have
submitted an [redacted]
of the [redacted] book "Soviet Economic
Development Since 1917" by MAURICE DOBBS. In November, 1953,
[redacted] started a meeting of the [redacted]
which committee was described as consisting of mostly CP
members. In November, 1955, [redacted] was reported as being
[redacted] LYL. Information
was received on 3/2/56, that [redacted] had been a member of the
[redacted] the CP at CCNY during 1948 and 1949.
In April, 1956, [redacted] was described as [redacted]
[redacted] LYL.

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In 1956, [redacted] moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
where he became a member of the [redacted] the CP of
Wisconsin. [redacted] the State Convention of
the CP of Wisconsin, held in Milwaukee January 26, 1957.
During 1957, [redacted] attended additional meetings of the
[redacted] the CP of Wisconsin. He was also a
[redacted] from Wisconsin to the 3rd National Convention of
the LYL in NYC 2/23 - 24/57. [redacted] the
afternoon session of the convention of 2/23/57, and also
was elected as one of the members of the [redacted]

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of the convention. It is reported that he voted in favor of the resolution to dissolve the LYL.

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Later in 1957, [redacted] returned to NYC. During 1958, [redacted] attended numerous meetings of the [redacted] CP. He also attended a meeting of the [redacted] CP in March, 1959. He was present at meetings of the NY [redacted] between August, 1958, and April, 1959. He has also been reported to be in charge of the [redacted]. He has also been present at NY CP Youth meetings in 1959.

On 4/8/59, [redacted] and his wife met privately on the street with [redacted] NY State CP, and conferred with him for approximately 45 minutes.

On [redacted] and his wife left for Europe where they attended the [redacted]. They returned to NY [redacted].

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In view of the foregoing, authority is requested to interview [redacted] under the Toplev Program. If such authority is granted, [redacted] will be approached by two Agents after he has been surveilled to a discreet distance from his residence or place of employment under existing provisions of the Toplev Program.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

September 30, 1959

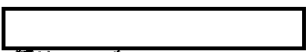
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Reference: Bureau letter dated 7/29/59 and New Haven letter to Bureau dated 8/31/59.

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I. METHOD OF APPROACH

At approximately 12:10 p.m., on 8/23/59, the subject was approached for interview by SA THURL STALNAKER in the vicinity of the [redacted] Conn. The approach was observed by SA EDWARD R. WHELEN from a Bureau automobile, which was parked nearby at a point where all conversation could be overheard. The subject was contacted between the time that she left her place of employment and the time of her arrival at her automobile which was parked nearby.

II. SUBJECT'S REACTION

The subject when first approached appeared cordial. As soon as the interviewing agent identified himself she became extremely hostile and her anger was very apparent. The remarks that she made were obviously made in anger and as soon as she recovered from the surprise contact, she immediately drove away without further comment.

III. DETAILS OF INTERVIEW

The details of the interview are set forth in the attached SF-64.

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IV. EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

From the reaction of the subject, it appeared that she had no intention of offering any cooperation whatsoever. Based on a remark made by the subject during the interview, it would appear that she feels personal animosity toward the FBI. From her attitude, it would seem that she continues to be Communistically oriented.

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V. PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT AS AN INFORMANT

In view of the subject's attitude, as set forth above, it appears that she has no informant potential at this time.

VI. FUTURE PLANS FOR INTERVIEW

In view of the fact that both the subject and her husband, [REDACTED] have been uncooperative in recent interviews, it is not believed worthwhile to attempt further interviews of her at this time.

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Att: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

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[redacted] Re Bulet 9/10/59, authorizing a contact with
[redacted] under the Toplev Program. [redacted] was uncooperati-
tive when previously interviewed on 9/22/59.

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

On 9/23/59, [redacted] was observed in the vicinity
of his residence, [redacted]. He was approached
in a secure location by SA CHESTER A. REILLY with SA EDWARD W.
FRANKLIN observing the contact. The Agent introduced
himself and related [redacted] of their conversation in
1958. It was pointed out to [redacted] that any changes
have taken place in the CP in recent years and that many
members had changed their opinions. [redacted] was asked
if he would give the Agent a few minutes of his time for a
confidential conversation. [redacted] replied, "My answer
is still the same. I am not interested in talking to
anyone from the FBI. I have nothing further to say. Good-
by." [redacted] refused to engage in any further conversation
and the interview was terminated when he crossed the street.
In view of his attitude no consideration is being given
for a recontact with him under the Toplev Program.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/9/59

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (100-9959)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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For your information, this matter is being considered closed in this office in view of the recent interview with [redacted] Indiana. [redacted] was the last of the individuals originally designated for interview.

This office had at one time intended reinterviewing [redacted] who was interviewed under this program; while not promising cooperation, he at least was friendly. Since then word was received by Agents at Gary that Mrs. [redacted] who was then engaged in work with [redacted] was the subject of scrutiny by members of the [redacted]. This inquiry was being made because of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] reputation for having been active in CP affairs.

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It is felt that this would be an extremely poor time to contact [redacted] especially since he has, in the past, spoken of what he considered injustices he and his family have experienced because of past associations with Communists. Should a more propitious time appear later, this office will notify the Bureau.

Closed.

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ReBulet Sub A 8/6/59 and FD 305 dated 9/4/59.

On 10/5/59 [redacted] was contacted under the Torker program in the vicinity of her place of employment, [redacted] City, New York. [redacted] advised that she had a mental disorder.

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Subject, upon being identified, then called her name, and upon learning the identity of the agent stated that she had nothing to say to the F.B.I. She was advised that to the subject that any charges had not been filed in the CP since she was last contacted by Bureau agents, and she was asked if she would allow the agent to discuss some of the with her. Subject, in a very hostile manner, replied that she had nothing to say and for the agent to leave her alone. At this point subject turned quickly and walked away. No further effort was made to interview her.

In view of the above no further contact will be given to the [redacted] in the course of this file. This case will be closed as a result of this, and the results of this contact will be set forth in the next annual report.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/5/59

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

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SUBJECT: CP, USA, TOPLEV
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ReBulet 12/18/58; San Francisco letter to Bureau, 3/30/59.

(1) All persons selected for reinterview have been interviewed.

(2) All persons selected for initial contact requiring Bureau authorization have been interviewed.

(3) During the month of September, 1959, no interviews were conducted.

(4) Six Special Agents are assigned to conduct interviews under this program.

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(5) Recontacts are contemplated with

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1 - San Francisco

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (423)

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ReBulet 9/10/59.

After several unsuccessful efforts the subject was observed on the street a distance from her residence on 10/8/59 by Special Agents Edward W. Buckley and Chester A. Reilly. The subject was directly approached on the street by the agents, who called to her, "Hello, Mrs. [redacted]". The subject turned and immediately remarked, "Who are you?" but before the agents could fully identify themselves the subject, apparently recognizing who the agents were, turned and walked away, remarking, "Don't bother me. Don't bother me." The subject, realizing that the agents were from the FBI and therefore wanting to have no conversation, turned and rapidly walked away from the agents back in the direction of her residence.

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The interview was terminated since the subject would not stand and discuss anything with the agents. No additional contacts are planned at this time.

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SAC, Cleveland [redacted]

Director, FBI [redacted] (100-3-99)

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Reurlet 10-5-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 F (7) (c) II, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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[redacted] is on the Security Index. He was born in [redacted] and was naturalized in 1928 at Cleveland. He is the [redacted] a [redacted] Cleveland, and resides at the same address. His Communist Party (CP) history dates back to 1937 and in the early 1940s, he held several positions of [redacted] in the Cleveland CP. He was a member of the [redacted] until 1953 and attended various functions sponsored by CP front groups from 1954 to 1958. He attended a CP sponsored banquet for Gus Hall in [redacted] and Hall was observed to [redacted] in September, 1959.

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DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

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SAC, CLEVELAND [redacted]

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Re Cleveland letter dated 9/1/59 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, TOPLEV, IS - C;" and report of SA [redacted] at Cleveland dated 4/6/59.

Bureau authority is requested to interview captioned subject under the TOPLEV Program of this Office. In support of this request, the following background information is submitted for the Bureau's consideration:

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1. Records of the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, reflect that the subject was born [redacted]

2. The subject is married to [redacted] She is of the white race. The time and place of subject's marriage is unknown.

3. Subject entered the United States on [redacted] New York City; filed Declaration of Intention on [redacted] and was naturalized on [redacted] in United States District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, Certificate Number [redacted]

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4. A review of subject's Selective Service record in January, 1945, reflects that he attended grammar school for six years in [redacted].

5. The subject is the [redacted] of [redacted] Ohio.

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6. The subject resides at [redacted] Ohio.

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7. The subject was listed on the Communist Party (CP) [redacted] in 1937, and in 1940 he circulated [redacted] nominating petitions. Subject was [redacted] CP in Cleveland in 1942, and had been a CP member for several years at that time. He attended the Communist Political Association (CPA) Ohio State Convention in 1944; was elected a member of the CPA [redacted] in 1945; held CP meetings at his place of business in 1946; and contributed funds to the CP in 1948. [redacted] attended CP and CP sponsored functions from 1948 through 1952. In June, 1953, it was reported that he maintained a mimeograph machine at his place of business and had copies of "The Worker" and other CP propaganda available at his shop. The subject was a member of the IWO until 1953 and attended various functions sponsored by CP front groups from 1954 to 1958.

[redacted] was reported present at a meeting in September, 1957, which one source indicated was a meeting of the [redacted] of the CP in Cleveland. In [redacted] he attended a CP fostered meeting at which BEN DAVIS spoke. He also attended a CP sponsored banquet for ELIZABETH GURLY FLYNN in [redacted], and for GUS HALL in [redacted] GUS HALL was observed to [redacted] [redacted] September, 1959.

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8. It is believed that an interview with the subject at this time will materially assist in determining his attitude toward the CP and conversely his attitude toward cooperation with the United States Government. It is further believed that should [redacted] prove to be cooperative during the initial interview, he would offer excellent potentialities with respect to further development as a Security Informant of this Office.

9. The subject will be interviewed by 2 Agents who are experienced in Security matters and in conducting Security type investigations. It is contemplated that the subject will be approached by surprise at his residence or at his place of business at a time when no other individual is present. In the event the subject exhibits a cooperative attitude, no effort will be made to direct his activities during the initial interview. The Bureau will be immediately advised of the results of the interview, and appropriate recommendations will be made at that time with respect to

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further contacts with the subject relative to his development as a Potential Security Informant. For the Bureau's further information, it is noted that the subject's file does not reflect that he is engaged in labor union or journalistic activities.

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Reulet, 11/18/58, suggesting that certain individuals be recontacted under the Topley Program.

On 10/9/59, a fixer was instituted in the vicinity of subject's employment, [redacted] by SAs PETER J. ENIG and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN. When [redacted] was observed she was approached by SA SULLIVAN.

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FBI immediately recognized the agent as having contacted [redacted] on 4/9/59. The agent asked [redacted] to allow him five or ten minutes to adequately explain the responsibilities of the CP and to point out how she could assist the FBI. [redacted] responded with the statement that she didn't like this type of an indication. The agent pointed out the confidential nature of her interview and the fact that the contact could not in any way be described as intimidation. [redacted] face at this point broke into a half smile realizing that her contention was quite ridiculous.

[redacted] stated she had nothing to discuss with the [redacted] agent although to engage the subject in further conversation by commenting on the charges within the CP in the recent past, the fact that [redacted] was in an excellent position to demonstrate her patriotism, and regarding the manner in which the party treats its members. [redacted] refused to continue the interview.

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EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] although courteous, refused to cooperate to any extent with the agent. She stated she has nothing to discuss with the FBI.

In view of the above, no consideration is being given to recontacting her at this time.

SAC, Cleveland [redacted]

October 16, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 10-2-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (c) II, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] is on the Security Index. He lives in [redacted] Ohio, and operates a [redacted] under the name [redacted] at [redacted] was born in [redacted] and was naturalized in 1928 at Cleveland. His Communist Party (CP) activity dates back to 1939, when he was [redacted] the CP in Cleveland. When he attended the [redacted] convention in 1944, he indicated on registration that he had been a member of the CP for 23 years. In 1950, he was [redacted] in Cleveland and still is connected with [redacted] in Cleveland. He has attended various open functions of the CP and he has been particularly active in CP dominated [redacted] organizations.

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A. Subject lives at [redacted] Ohio, and operates a [redacted] under the name [redacted] in Cleveland. He is of the [redacted] born [redacted] and was naturalized a United States citizen at Cleveland on [redacted]. There is no information available reflecting that the subject is in other than good health.

B. He is married to [redacted] of the white race who does general office work at [redacted].

C. [redacted] a Communist Party (CP) group in Cleveland in 1939. During the period 1945 to 1947, he was a member of the [redacted].

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[redacted] all of the Ohio CP and Ohio Communist Political Association (CPA). In 1945 he was [redacted] the Ohio CP [redacted]. He attended the Ohio CPA Convention as a [redacted] in 1944. At this convention he indicated on registration that he had been a member of the CP for 23 years. The subject attended CP meetings in Cleveland until 1950, was [redacted] in Cleveland in 1950, and still is connected [redacted] in Cleveland. He has, to date, attended various open functions of the CP and of CP dominated organizations in Cleveland and has been particularly active in CP dominated [redacted].

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D. The subject's wife was an admitted CP member in 1942, and in 1952 the Cleveland Police Department stated she was a known CP member at that time. She was recommended for the position of [redacted] Ohio, CP [redacted] for the period 1946 to 1947. Since that time, [redacted] has attended various open functions of the CP and CP dominated organizations in Cleveland, especially those functions of CP dominated [redacted]. In 1951 the subject's [redacted] was identified as a member of the Labor Youth League in Cleveland.

F. There is no information regarding the defection or expulsion of the subject or his wife from the CP, although there is no definite evidence of membership on his part since 1950 and on her part since 1947. However, as has been pointed out above, both of them have been active participants in open functions of CP dominated functions in Cleveland.

G. If cooperative, it is felt that the subject could provide valuable information regarding the CP in Cleveland, Ohio, for possibly 35 years or more with specific information regarding CP activity in the [redacted] of Cleveland and the extent of CP domination and control of numerous [redacted] in Cleveland at the present time.

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Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relative to interview of Security subjects. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but the Bureau will be requested to authorize recontact with the subject as a Psa.

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ReBuletts, 11/18/58, and 1/19/59.

On 9/29/59, [redacted] was contacted by surprise at her residence, [redacted] NY, by SAs PETER J. LEIGHTON and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN. b7D

After opening her apartment door, [redacted] readily acknowledged her identity. When SA SULLIVAN identified himself as a Special Agent with the FBI, [redacted] immediately stated she had nothing to discuss with the FBI.

The agent attempted to explain the importance of the contact and the fact that [redacted] was in a position to assist her government, however, she refused to continue the interview and closed the apartment door again stating she had nothing to discuss with the FBI.

Evaluation of Interview b7D

[redacted] was completely uncooperative and refused to engage in any conversation with the contacting agent. In view of the above, no consideration is being given to re-contacting her at this time.

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Director, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 9-29-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] where or feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 67 D (7) (a) MI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He is employed as a [redacted] assigned to the [redacted] by New York Central at Grand Central Station, New York City. Subject resides at [redacted] New York. His CP history dates back to 1947. In 1948 he reportedly was the [redacted] of the CP. His CP activities since 1957-1958 are not known, but if he would cooperate, in view of his [redacted] position, he could furnish considerable information of value. Bulet 7-2-59 authorized interview under the Toplev Program which was not conducted as subject and his family have been vacationing in Florida. New York has now advised they have returned.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-5-99)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. LARSON

10/12/59

ATTN :

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SA [redacted] (100-5-99)
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Re Bureau letter 11/10/58, suggesting that certain individuals be reinterviewed under the Toplev program and re report SA [redacted] CURRANE, dated 9/15/58, re New York, entitled, [redacted] SI-9; SIEM 100-1210.

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On 10/1/59, SA [redacted] LARSON and [redacted] NOVAI observed Mrs. [redacted] leaving her apartment at [redacted] New York. When she was at a discreet distance from her residence SA NOVAI approached her and addressed her by name. Mrs. [redacted] who had been walking rapidly stopped and nodded pleasantly. The agent [redacted] identified himself by name and credentials. Mrs. [redacted] immediately said "I have nothing to say" and resumed walking.

The agent accompanied her, explained that since she had last been contacted about a year ago there had been many changes in the world situation and it was quite possible that she too had experienced a change in her political thinking. Mrs. [redacted] turned toward the agent and said sharply "I have told you I have absolutely nothing to say" and hurried away. It was noted at this time that she had [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted] at this point. SA LARSON observed the contact and nothing of an unusual nature was noted to affect the security of the contact.

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In view of Mrs. [redacted] attitude and unwillingness to talk with the agents no further consideration is being given to recontacting her under the Toplev program at this time and this case is being closed in the file.

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Reurlet dated 10-9-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Goodman is on the Security Index, resides at [redacted] New York. He is employed as a clerk in the [redacted] [redacted] New York City. [redacted] has been very active in the [redacted] CP and in January of this year he was reported to be New York State [redacted] the Communist Party. His CP activity dates back to at least 1953 when he was connected with the Labor Youth League. Bulet 5-13-59 authorized a contact under the Toplev Program but since he was out of the city, it was not possible for New York to interview him. He has returned to New York and authority has again been requested by NYO to approach him.

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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 7/7/59.

Referenced letter set forth that [redacted] would be reconnoitered for interview under the Hooley Program upon his return to New York City.

[redacted] re ID at [redacted] New York, and is presently employed as a [redacted]
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Bureau authority is requested to interview [redacted] under the Hooley Program; if such authority is denied, he will be approached for interview on the street away from his residence and employment.

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Director, FBI (100-8-99)

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Memorandum dated October 7, 1959.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 27 of (7) (c) AT, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index and has been connected with [redacted]. Subject has for many years [redacted] of a procommunist nature, and he has been described as [redacted] in the United States. He was contacted on 10-2-53 under the Toplev Program, but was uncooperative.

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Re Bulet 11/18/53.

The subject, known as [redacted] has been selected as a person to recontact under the Toplev Program. [redacted] was uncooperative when approached on 10/2/53.

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[redacted] which are pro-Soviet and pro-Communist. [redacted] Subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities [redacted] has been described as [redacted] in the United States. On 5/28/53, [redacted] was observed in the company of [redacted] Washington, D. C.

[redacted] is employed at the office of [redacted] NY, and resides at [redacted] MI.

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His name is included on the SI.

In view of [redacted] in the [redacted] Communist field, it is believed that a recontact with him is warranted.

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PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact [REDACTED] pursuant to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If such authority is granted, it is planned that he will be approached on the street away from his residence or place of employment.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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On 10/7/59, a flsur was conducted in the vicinity of subject's employment, [redacted] NY, by SAS PETER J. LEIGHTON and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN. When [redacted] was observed she was approached by SA SULLIVAN.

[redacted] immediately recognized the agent as having contacted her on 9/25/59. She turned away from the agent stating she had nothing to say to the FBI.

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The agent walked along with [redacted] attempting to engage her in conversation, however, she did not respond. She was asked to give the agent 5 or 10 minutes in order that she might fully understand the nature of the contact. The agent also emphasized the importance of the Bureau's work in the Internal Security field.

The agent pointed out that the purpose of the interview was two-fold inasmuch as [redacted] could assist the FBI and we could help her. It was explained that this was a splendid opportunity for her to demonstrate her patriotism.

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[redacted] made no comment other than to repeat several times, "I have nothing to say to the FBI."

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Evaluation of Interview

[REDACTED] when contacted, refused to engage in conversation with the agent. She merely repeated she had nothing to discuss with the FBI. In view of the above, no recontact is contemplated at this time.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] AM
(Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT)

10/12/59

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On 10/7/59, [redacted] was interviewed by surprise at her residence, [redacted] NY, by SAs J. WILMER MIRAANDON and JOHN J. MATTIOMI.

[redacted] did not invite the agents into her apartment. She asked the reason for their visit and listened politely but impatiently while the Bureau's obligations were explained. The possibility of aiding the Government concerning intelligence matters was presented to [redacted] while pointing out the beneficial aspects of such cooperation.

Subject declared that she had no time to speak with the agents. It was suggested that another time might be more convenient for her. [redacted] replied that in no case and at no time would she care to speak with the FBI. She then closed the door.

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[redacted] maintained a polite attitude during the interview which she strained to maintain at the conclusion. By her conduct she pretended that meeting the agents was a novel experience. She smiled and spoke cheerfully. The impression gained from her interview is that [redacted] is an attractive, self-assured and rather intelligent woman who has no notion of either cooperating with the FBI or causing the FBI to believe she is aggressively antagonistic. It is not believed worthwhile to conduct any further interview at present.

The lead to interview [redacted] having been covered, the case is being closed.

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ReBulet to New Haven dated 9/14/59.

[redacted] was interviewed by SA THURL STALNAKER and SA LLOYD S. GOODROW on 10/5/59.

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I. METHOD OF APPROACH

At approximately 5:02 pm, on 10/5/59, [redacted] was approached by SA THURL STALNAKER and LLOYD S. GOODROW on State Street in the vicinity of the [redacted] [redacted] while he was waiting for a bus. [redacted] was alone when approached and there was no one near enough to over-hear what was being said.

II. SUBJECT'S REACTION

The subject when first approached seemed to suspect that he was being contacted by Bureau Agents. He was obviously angry and in the initial stage of the contact he appeared to be somewhat apprehensive. After the initial contact was made and the Agents had properly identified themselves [redacted] evidenced extreme hostility and gave no signs whatsoever of being cooperative.

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III. DETAILS OF INTERVIEW

After the Agents identified themselves, [REDACTED] said "Are you here to apologize to me." He was told that Agents were not there to apologize to him but were there to talk to him. He was then asked why he thought the FBI owed him an apology. He replied that the interviewing Agents had arrested him in his house, before his wife, causing him embarrassment and loss of money when the FBI knew he was innocent, which the court later decided.

He was told at that point that he was making untrue allegations and that his allegation would not stand up under examination. It was pointed out to him that the interviewing Agents did not arrest him, but that other Agents had arrested him. He was told that any embarrassment that he had experienced was the result of his own actions and not that of the FBI. He was further reminded that the court and jury had not ruled on the question of his guilt or innocence but that the jury had not been able to reach a verdict in his case.

At this point [REDACTED] said "That little judge and the United States Attorney who you control trumped up charges against us or I would have never been arrested."

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[REDACTED] was then told that he was continuing to show a complete disregard for the truth. He was told that it was an outright misrepresentation to say that the FBI controls either the judge who heard his case or the United States Attorney who handled the Government's case against him. He was also reminded that no "trumped up" charges were made against him but that he was arrested and tried following his indictment by a Grand Jury.

[REDACTED] who was extremely angry at this point, again stated that if the Agents were not there to apologize to him, he had nothing further to say. He then motioned for a bus to stop which bus was approaching from a distance and continued to walk away.

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IV. EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

From the reaction of the subject, it appeared that he had no intention of offering any cooperation whatsoever. Based on the remarks that he made, it would seem that he holds the FBI fully responsible for his arrest and trial under the Smith Act. He obviously has a great personal dislike for the FBI.

V. PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT AS AN INFORMANT

From the subject's attitude, it appears clear that he has no informant potential at this time.

VI. FUTURE PLANS FOR INTERVIEW

It is believed that future contact should not be made with the subject unless some information is developed which would indicate he has changed his position. This office has no plans to contact him further at this time.

SAC, New York [redacted]

October 9, 1950

Director, FBI (105-3-22) ✓
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Re: 105-6-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Tolley program.

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If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, however, follow instructions contained in Section 570 (2) (c), 10, of the manual of instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] has been a member of the CP since 1939 and for many years has operated as a [redacted] in August, 1950, he went into the CP [redacted]

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[redacted] In this capacity, [redacted] the CP underground on a national scale. During this time, he made a detailed study of the investigative methods of the FBI. Since 1956, his activities have noticeably declined and are presently limited to a [redacted]

[redacted] CP associates. As recently as March, 1953, he was described by a national CP functionary as a "fall off." [redacted] currently is employed as a [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, [redacted]

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report and later distributed by the Central Office of the CP.

Since he was probably July 1950, when he was formally released from the employ of the CP, he has been active on behalf of the CP, having officially declared. Although he did, in 1957, attend the 10th National Convention of the CP, where he participated as a speaker at the meeting of the Executive Committee, and although in the same year he was observed in attendance at the New York State and County Conventions, he is, nevertheless, not known to hold any position of significance within the CP at the present time. Information available indicates that his present activity is limited to a club and sectional level and occasional contact with the party apparatus.

In January 1957 [Redacted] has stated that he has not been invited to attend any activities of the leadership of the CP in the New York City District of the CP. [Redacted] would be regarded as an inactive or casual member of party members. It specifically allows [Redacted] to have office in his line.

PERSONAL

[Redacted] male, born [Redacted] is [Redacted] a citizen of the State of Alaska, is employed as a [Redacted] weekly at 1155 [Redacted] place, weekly, New York. [Redacted] formal education consists of attending two years of high school. [Redacted] is a member of the CP, is currently employed as a [Redacted] a typewriter operator for the Newark [Redacted] news [Redacted] New Jersey. The Newark [Redacted] is a daily newspaper, [Redacted] Newark, New Jersey, [Redacted] edition.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is suggested that Bureau authority be referred to approach [Redacted] re outstanding instructions relative to the Poppley case. If wanted subject will be approached away from his residence and/or employment.

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1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, Newark

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October 9, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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Memorandum dated 9-30-59.

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Additional authority is granted to contact
[Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding
instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within
30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 67 D
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]

DATE: 9/30/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA b7D
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ReBulet 7/30/59 authorizing recontact with [redacted]
and Nklet 8/31/59.

Numerous efforts to recontact subject under secure conditions have been unsuccessful. In view of subject's cooperative attitude when first interviewed and the possibility of developing him as a productive informant, it is felt that continued efforts to reinterview him may be worthwhile.

It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau grant additional authority to recontact subject. No new information pertaining to the advisability of interviewing subject has come to the attention of this office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted] R 1
(Attn: Asst. Dir. A. W. B/T/ONE)

10/9/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 8/10/59 and NY PD 205 9/10/59.

During the past 30 days unsuccessful attempts to interview subject were made by awaiting his arrival and departure from his residence, a small apartment building at [redacted]

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On 10/9/59 when he was not observed leaving his residence during the morning hours, a pretext inquiry was made of the landlord [redacted] who said [redacted] had left the premises about 10 days ago and his present whereabouts is unknown. His former apartment has been rented to a completely new tenant.

The NY Post Office, [redacted] covering this area advised on 10/9/59 that [redacted] has left no forwarding address.

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No further attempts to interview [redacted] will be made until his new residence address is ascertained. New York will take immediate steps to find subject's new residence.

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Enclosed is one copy of a self-explanatory SF-64 concerning [redacted]

[redacted] was cordial in manner during the interview, but his attitude was adamant in refusing to enter into any conversation concerning his past activities in the CP.

The results of this interview will be included in the next annual report on [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATT : Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT

DATE: 10/12/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA-TOPLEV
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ReBulet 8/6/59, granting authority to interview [redacted] under the Toplev program.

On 9/30/59, SAs [redacted] and ALFRED B. NOVAK observed [redacted] leaving CP Headquarters at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. When [redacted] was at a discreet distance from that address Agent NOVAK approached [redacted] and addressed him by name. [redacted] at first did not reply and when the agent repeated the name said "Why do you ask?" When the agent identified himself by use of his credentials [redacted] smiled and began to walk south along Broadway. The agent accompanied him explaining that he was being contacted in an attempt to secure his cooperation with the United States Government in connection with internal security matters and more specifically the CP. [redacted] then asked what reason there was to believe that he had anything to do with the CP. The agent pointed out that the FBI was in possession of information as to some of his past activities and associates in the CP and believed that because of his background he could be of assistance to the FBI, specifically in view of the recent changes in the world political situation.

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When [redacted] asked why he himself was expected to have changed the agent pointed out that many people in situations similar to [redacted] had changed their views about the Soviet Union, the CPSU and the CP, USA as a result of the 1956 revelations about STALIN and the uprising in Hungary. The agent told [redacted] that people who had now come to the realization that the Communists had been misled in their thinking could be of invaluable assistance to the government ~~and~~ cooperating with its representatives at this time. [redacted] remarked that he had not changed certain of his

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views such as those on segregation and civil rights. The agent quickly pointed out to [REDACTED] the role of the FBI in the civil rights program and said that he would like a further opportunity at [REDACTED] convenience to discuss this and other matters more fully with him. During the course of the conversation the agent and [REDACTED] had continued walking and at this point were approaching a subway entrance. [REDACTED] did not reply directly to the agent's last statement, smiled and waved his hand. The agent said that he would see [REDACTED] again and the latter entered the subway station. SA LARSON observed the interview and nothing of an unusual nature was noted.

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While [REDACTED] was evasive in his answers and attempted to "fence" with the agent he was not hostile and listened to the agent's statements as they walked along. It is believed that another interview of [REDACTED] is warranted. Suitable items of literature will be mailed to [REDACTED] and another contact will be attempted in approximately 60 days and the Bureau advised of the results.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/21/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV b7D
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Re:ulet, 11/18/58, suggesting that certain individuals be recontacted under the Toplev Program!

[redacted] currently resides at [redacted] New York, and is employed as a [redacted]

[redacted] was born in [redacted] and has a long CP background. As of 1937, subject was [redacted] of the CP of Louisiana. During the years 1945 through 1949 following his release from the US Army, [redacted] was employed at the [redacted]. He served as [redacted] the National Youth Commission of the CP, USA from 1947 to 1949 and in 1950 obtained a position with the [redacted]. On 10/12/54, a former employee of the [redacted] advised that it had come to her attention that the subject was apparently beset by personal financial problems since his dismissal from the [redacted].

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On 6/14/55 and on 4/25/56, [redacted] was contacted by agents of the New York Office under the Toplev Program, however, subject refused to cooperate in any way with the agents.

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On [REDACTED] subject was observed entering or leaving [REDACTED] where the New York State CP convention was being held. On 1/2/58, an informant advised that subject attended a gathering on [REDACTED] which was for the purpose of raising money for the EDWARD E. SWEENEY Memorial Education Fund.

Special authority is requested to contact [REDACTED] under the Control Program. Rules applying to interviews of security subjects will be observed.

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1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, New York [redacted]

October 19, 1959

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Feurlet 10/14/59.

It is noted that when [redacted] was contacted under the Toplev Program in 1954 he became very emotionally upset and tried to convince the Agents that he was merely a [redacted] Communist Party headquarters was located and knew nothing of communist activities. [redacted] if cooperative, could furnish information of value due to his past close association with the Party and its members, but in view of his action when contacted previously and the fact he suffers from a heart condition, it is not felt that he should be approached at this time. Authority is not granted, therefore, to contact [redacted] under the Toplev Program.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] is on the Security Index. He was born in [redacted] and was naturalized in New York in 1928. In 1953 New York advised that he was [redacted] wherein national, state and county headquarters of the CP, USA, as well as the "Daily Worker" were located. Investigation disclosed that he had been in that position since at least 1944 and was also [redacted] the "Morning Freiheit, a Jewish language communist newspaper. Informant stated that in his opinion [redacted] is a trusted and reliable CP member who had been used to [redacted] in the 1930s between the United States and Russia. In [redacted] [redacted] the HCUA and denied being a communist.

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Under the Toplev Program, he was contacted on 1/18/54 and although he was friendly, he said he had nothing to discuss with the Agents. He said that he was [redacted] 35 East 12th Street but had no knowledge of any CP activities. According (NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED, PAGE 2)

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to New York, [REDACTED] the building at 35 East 12th Street and the possibility exists he may be angered at the Party. New York, however, advised that [REDACTED] suffers from a heart condition and that the approach will be made in a friendly and diplomatic manner so as not to upset him. Since [REDACTED] has not held any positions in the Party, he is not presently in a position to assist the Bureau. The risk of embarrassment to the Bureau due to his heart condition appears to outweigh the possible benefit. It is not felt, therefore, that we should approach him.

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1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, New York

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October 19, 1959

Director, FBI

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Reurlet 10/14/59.

Authority is granted to contact [Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (c) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[Redacted] is on the Security Index. She resides in New York City and is a [Redacted] working from her residence. She reportedly has been [Redacted] her CP club in the [Redacted] in 1956 and 1957 and was a [Redacted] to state and county CP conventions in 1957. According to New York she allegedly ceased all CP activity in 1958. As a security subject she was contacted 4/10/58. She firmly said she would not answer any questions on communism. In view of her background, New York feels she should be interviewed under the Toplev Program. If she cooperates, she is in a position to be of considerable value as a potential informant.

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ATT.: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

10/16/59

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RE: [redacted]
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Rebulet 9/15/59.

The subject has not been contacted since he was not observed alone on the street during the time spot checks were made on 9/23,25; 10/5,8,14/59.

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The subject resides at [redacted] and is employed at [redacted] N. Y.

Every effort will be made to contact the subject on the street within next 30 days.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

October 10, 1959

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Reurlet 10-12-59.

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Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 07 C (7) (a) AI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Allen is on the Security Index and he is employed as a [redacted]. He resides at [redacted] New York. He was born in [redacted] and since the early 1940s has been an extremely active communist. He has held many positions of [redacted] capacity up to and including the [redacted]. He has been on the staff of [redacted] and he has been active in the [redacted] of the Communist Party. Authority was granted in Bulet 4-21-59 to contact him under the Toplev Program but efforts to do so in a secure location were unsuccessful. In July he became unemployed and New York has now advised of his new employment and has again requested authority to approach him.

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Re Alet 7/17/59 and Alet 4/15/59.

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New York. He is employed as a [redacted] New York.

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No information has been developed, since my referenced letter, which would preclude the conducting of an interview at this time.

[redacted] Bureau authority is hereby requested, to approach the subject for the purpose of conducting an interview under outstanding instructions relative to the Tolley Program.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

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ReNYlet 3/6/58 setting forth the subject's background and NY let 4/29/58 reporting results of an interview with the subject. Her attitude was friendly but she declined to cooperate.

The subject was [redacted] to the New York County CP and State CP Conventions in 1957 and was reported to have been [redacted] It was reported that as of October, 1958, the subject had ceased all CP activity and had refused to rejoin the CP. In August, 1958, she was quoted as saying that ". . . the Party is immoral, politically, socially and in every way."

b7D The subject is on the SI.

Subject resides at [redacted] and is a [redacted] from her residence.

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact her pursuant to instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If authority is granted she will be approached on the street away from her residence.

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Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

10/14/59

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ReBulet 10/8/59 captioned CP, USA - FUNDS; IS - C, advising that this office should consider contacting persons who have had dealings as contributors or otherwise to the funds of the CP, USA. In this connection [redacted] a one-time Party

[redacted] located at [redacted] the National Office of the CP, USA, will be recontacted under the Toplev Program.

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A review of the subject's file reveals that [redacted] was last contacted under the Toplev Program on the street away from his residence and place of employment on 4/15/54. The results of this interview were furnished to the Bureau, captioned as above, by New York letter dated April 16, 1954.

It should be noted that NY 694-S* has furnished confidential information advising that the Party has removed [redacted] as [redacted] and that the Party was going to "buy him out" for 25,000, to be paid on installments. [redacted] New York, [redacted] and is presently reported to be unemployed.

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APPROACH

Since informant NY 694-S* has advised that [redacted] has been [redacted] a strained relationship has developed between [redacted] and the CP officials. The possibility exists that [redacted] at this time may be

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sufficiently angered at the Party to engage in a friendly confidential conversation with the agents if he is approached on the street away from his residence, circumstances permitting. It should be noted that [redacted] suffers from a heart condition; however, the approach to [redacted] will be made in a friendly and diplomatic manner, so as not to upset him.

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Bureau authority is requested to authorize a recontact with [redacted] under the Toplev Program.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

10/13/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Rebulet 9/3/59 authorizing an interview with the subject.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

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On 10/6/59 [redacted] was observed in the vicinity of his place of employment, [redacted]. He was approached in a secure location by SA Chester A. Reilly, with SA Edward W. Buckley observing the contact. When the agent addressed [redacted] by name he calmly said, "I remember you very well, you are from the FBI." He then became very excited and in a loud voice said, "This is persecution. I resent it. The FBI has no right to do this to people." The agent pointed out that he had not had a chance to say anything and that the FBI did not persecute people. He was told that he was being contacted to give him an opportunity to have a confidential talk if he was so inclined. [redacted] excitedly said, "I'll never talk to the FBI. I'll never change my opinions. I am interested only in Armenia and I will never talk to the FBI about anything."

[redacted] walked rapidly away. He was very antagonistic during the short conversation and no consideration is being given for a recontact with him under the Toplev Program.

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OFFICER, FBI (100-3-97)

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REPORT OF: [redacted]

DATE: [redacted]

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Rebulet dated 9/11/99.

On 10/1/99 subject was contacted under the
[redacted] in the vicinity of her place of residence,
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[redacted] by [redacted] of [redacted]. [redacted] observed this contact at a discreet distance.

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Subject immediately identified her identity, her address,
phone, and other personal information, and then
asked to see you. I immediately explained the identity
of the person subject stated that she had not had contact with the
FBI; turned politely and walked away at a very rapid pace.

In view of subject's hostile manner, displayed
when I advised the identity of the FBI, and the fact that she
will be likely to contact her lawyer in due course, and in view
of this time. The results of this contact will be set forth in
the report of the agent. This case will be closed as a result
of this.

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- 2- [redacted] (Inv.) (1)
- (1- [redacted]) (423)

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On 10/17/90, [Redacted] was re-contacted for information regarding his activities in the vicinity of [Redacted] on 10/17/90. [Redacted] advised that he had no contact with [Redacted] since [Redacted].

The [Redacted] advised that he had no contact with [Redacted] since [Redacted] if he had considered [Redacted] for [Redacted] on 10/17/90. [Redacted] advised that he had no contact with [Redacted] since [Redacted].

The [Redacted] advised that he had no contact with [Redacted] since [Redacted] on 10/17/90. [Redacted] advised that he had no contact with [Redacted] since [Redacted].

The results of the [Redacted] will be reported to the [Redacted] on 10/17/90. [Redacted] will be [Redacted].

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- 2- [Redacted] (100-3-90) (1)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) DATE: 10/20/59
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA, - TOPLEV
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ReBulet dated 11/18/58.

On 10/15/59 subject was re-contacted under the Toplev Program in the vicinity of his residence, [redacted] New York by SA PETER J. LEIGHTON. SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN observed this contact at a discreet distance.

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The agent identified himself to the subject, recalled their conversation on 9/16/59, and pointed out that a car was available where they could discuss the matter in private. Subject stated: "Look! I've thought it over and I don't want to talk to you. Leave me alone." Subject was asked if he would not reconsider and listen to what the agent had to say; that this was an important matter, and it would only take a few minutes of his time. Subject replied that he would not talk to the agent or listen to him. Further efforts to engage subject in conversation were not successful and the interview was terminated.

In view of the above no further efforts will be made to interview subject under the Toplev Program at this time.

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J. [unclear]
 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
 Att: Assistant Director
 A. H. BELMONT *abw*
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

DATE: 10/21/59

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 SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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Re NY letter 8/25/59, reporting last contact with [redacted]

On the morning of 10/9/59, subject was observed in vicinity of his employment. [redacted] by SAS ALFRED B. NOVAK and [redacted]. Upon seeing the Agents, [redacted] stopped as he was walking toward his office and greeted the Agents pleasantly. He explained to the Agents that he was in a hurry that morning to go to work and could only converse with them for a short time.

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In answer to questions by the Agents, [redacted] stated that he had given the matter of cooperating with the Government serious consideration and if any change would occur in his thinking, that he would surely advise the Agents. He stated that he recalled each Agent's name and knew how to get in touch with them. The Agents attempted to gain another time when they could more fully discuss this matter with [redacted] however, he declined to agree to another meeting. [redacted] promised to continue to consider the matter and left the Agents, shaking hands with each in a friendly fashion. Upon leaving, [redacted] remarked that he would probably see the Agents again.

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Evaluation

Throughout this short time with  he was friendly with the Agents and was in an obvious hurry to conclude the interview and although the Agents attempted to secure another time for a contact, he was reluctant to agree to another meeting. In view of his continued friendly attitude, it is believed that he should be recontacted in approximately 90 days under similar circumstances. The results of such a contact will be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

DATE: 10/9/59

J. J. [unclear]

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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[redacted] CP, [redacted] in December 1952. He was located in May 1959 living under the assumed name [redacted]. Investigation has determined that the subject had made plans to use this false identity as early as March 1951. [redacted] under the name [redacted]. He is employed as a [redacted] New York. He has been in the employ of this concern since April 15, 1953.

INTERVIEW

On September 28, 1959, the subject was approached by SAS J. WILMER MIRANDON and JOHN J. MATTIMORE for the purpose of conducting an interview under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev Program.

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When approached, the subject, unaccompanied, was walking on [redacted] in the direction of his residence. He acknowledged his identity as MR. [redacted]. The Agents introduced and identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. The subject appeared startled. Following a suggestion by the Agents that he pause to discuss certain matters, he blurted out: "I don't have anything to say to the FBI". The subject made attempts to walk away. Other efforts to engage the subject in conversation failed as he refused to stand and listen. Finally [redacted] was advised that his true identity was known to the agents and that they desired to discuss this matter with him. They pointed out to the subject that they were contacting him in a confidential manner, on the street rather than at his work or residence. The subject, now visibly disturbed and acting confused as to what to do, bolted from the agents stating: "Get away from me; leave me alone". The

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subject hurriedly entered the building wherein he resides. The interview was thus terminated.

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The following morning the subject called the New York office and spoke with the interviewing agent. He stated that he now desired to talk with the agents. An appointment was made to meet the subject that day at the entrance to a park located at [redacted]

SAs J. WILMER MIRANDON and JOHN J. MATTIMORE met with the subject at the appointed time and location. In a friendly but firm manner they greeted the subject. The subject, apparently taken back by this cordiality, shrugged off a handshake and replied "What's this, old friends week"?

The Agents directed the subject to a park bench where maximum security was afforded. The interview commenced. Almost immediately [redacted] started to explain his position which was little more than that he resented "harrassment by the FBI" and all he wanted was to be left alone. It was obvious from the manner in which he spoke that he had prepared these statements in advance.

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The tone thus set, efforts were made to explain to the subject the jurisdiction of the FBI in matters affecting the internal security of the Country and that in no manner could the methods used in carrying out this responsibility be construed as harrassment. These efforts made no impression on the subject. The subject seemed to care little for what the agents had to say or for that matter to even comprehend. [redacted] appeared to be obsessed with the idea that he was being persecuted. He kept repeating that he had rights as a citizen and that the FBI had no business bothering him and he wanted them to stop.

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In the conversation that followed [redacted] would completely ignore direct questions or would reply with general and wholly unrelated answers. Some answers were as follows: "I see no reason why people can't have differences of opinion"; "The FBI are political police"; "I don't know anything about them(OP), if you want to know go up to their office and ask them"; "Stop harrassing me and my family"; "You represent the Government, the Government is the people, I'm a people, so leave me alone"; "I'm just a small cog in a big wheel, all I want is my right to the ballot".

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Various efforts and appeals, made in an attempt to persuade [redacted] to soften his attitude and to more fully discuss his association with the Communist Movement, again were met with dis-jointed and totally unrelated and inadequate replies by the subject.

At one point [redacted] stated that he had started using the name [redacted] several years earlier to avoid what he termed FBI harrassment. When the inaccuracy in the date of the name change was pointed out to him and indeed the fact that the change occurred simultaneous with the establishment of the CP underground, which in itself seemed more than coincidental in view of his background, he replied: "What underground, I don't know anything about it". [redacted] stated further that he thought it was no crime to change his name and that he intended to have it legally changed.

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[redacted] appeared extremely nervous throughout the interview. He continually folded his coat that he was carrying. He repeated several times that he had no more time and wanted to end the interview. He stated that he had cooperated as much as he was going to and that all he wanted was to be left alone. It was pointed out to [redacted] that his cooperation, if it could be called that, was certainly less than candid and was actually nothing more than an attempt by him to state his views for some reason best known to him. [redacted] stated that he would go no further than that in his cooperation.

Throughout the interview it was apparent that [redacted] had no intention of cooperating with the FBI. His obsession with the idea of persecution was so strong and apparent that it bordered on the neurotic.

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No further attempts to contact [redacted] are anticipated at this time. Information concerning this interview will be contained in the next annual report.

No recommendation is being made to delete the subject from the Security Index at this time. This action is based on the subject's attitude when interviewed coupled with the fact that his whereabouts, only recently determined, has not allowed sufficient time to actually determine his current sympathies and activities. A recommendation will be made at the time of the next annual report.

This case is being placed in a closed status.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

October 19, 1959

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Reurlet 10/9/59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] is on the Security Index. He resides in the [redacted] and is employed as a [redacted] New York. [redacted] was born in [redacted] and was naturalized in 1923 in New York. His CP affiliation dates back to the 1920s. In 1929 he was [redacted] the CP and informants have reported he was active in underground activities for the Party, making several trips to the Soviet Union, Cuba and South America in the 1930s. He has worked in the [redacted] the CP, USA, from 1931 to 1940. He has also been a [redacted] He has attended state and national conventions of the CP, USA. Under the Toplev Program, Moreau was contacted 5/3/56 and was uncooperative. According to New York [redacted] is still active in Party affairs and it is felt another attempt should be made to interview him.

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1 - Mr. Donohue

SAC, New York [redacted]

October 16, 1959

Director, FBI [redacted]

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

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If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (c) MI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] is on the Security Index. He is a long-time member of the Communist Party, [redacted] and member of the [redacted]

He was born in [redacted] and resides in [redacted] Except from serving in the Army from 1942 to 1945, his occupation has been that of a [redacted]

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[redacted] for various Communist Party [redacted]

[redacted] and as above

mentioned, he is on the staff or [redacted] He has attended state conventions of the Communist Party and has been observed at frequent intervals entering Communist Party headquarters, the last occasion being 9-1-59. He was interviewed on 7-12-56 under the Security Informant Program and refused to talk to the Agents. Since there is some indication he has become a supporter of Gates, New York feels another attempt should be made to interview him, particularly in view of his long-time affiliation with communist matters.

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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[redacted] long-time member of the CP. [redacted]
and member of the [redacted]
has been selected as a person to interview under the
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Personal Background

[redacted] the
son of [redacted] who were both reportedly
born in [redacted]

[redacted] claims to have graduated from [redacted]
[redacted] and thereafter to have attended [redacted].
[redacted] is reported to have attended and to have been employed
at [redacted] from 1933-1940, receiving three
academic degrees, ending with a [redacted].
He is reported to have been employed in the [redacted]
[redacted] until approximately 1940.

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[redacted] was inducted into the United States Army on [redacted]
[redacted] and was separated from service on [redacted]
[redacted] obtained the rank of a [redacted]

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b7D The Veterans Administration records reflect that the subject's military occupation was listed as an [redacted] [redacted] While in the Army he was assigned to the [redacted] Army Group Headquarters.

Except for his service in the Army, subject's civilian occupation has been that of a [redacted] [redacted] for various CP [redacted] including the [redacted] [redacted] At the present time [redacted] is reported to be a [redacted] and to be on the [redacted] [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] is reported to have married [redacted] in about December, 1957, although no record of this marriage has been located. It is noted that [redacted] has been reported as a member of the CP.

[redacted] at the present is reported to reside in [redacted] New York.

CP Background

b7D Subject has FBI [redacted] which record indicates that he was arrested by the Boston, Massachusetts Police Department, charged with "inciting to riot". It is noted that this arrest was with [redacted] charged with inciting a riot in connection with the [redacted] [redacted]

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From 1937 to 1940, [redacted] was reported to have been a member of a CP cell at [redacted]

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In 1940, informants advised that [redacted] was a CP member in NYC, active in a group operating in the NYC [redacted] During that year, [redacted] was employed at the [redacted]

After returning from service at the close of World War II, subject in 1946 and 1947, was a [redacted] and in 1949, was [redacted] During this period he was a frequent [redacted] for [redacted]

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In 1951 he was reported as [redacted] Source Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

It is noted that in 1953 to 1955, he continued as [redacted]

[redacted] the House Committee on Un-American Activities, but on both occasions refused to cooperate regarding CP matters.

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In 1957, he was reported as [redacted] which was formerly known as [redacted]

In March, 1957, [redacted] attended the Reconvened NY State CP Convention and he was observed at this convention passing out copies of a resolution on the Jewish Question.

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On February 3, 1957, he attended the CP National Convention at Chateau Gardens, NYC.

In May, 1957, he was observed at the Industrial Convention of the NY State CP which was held in NYC.

During 1958 and 1959, he was ~~last~~ observed at frequent intervals entering CP National Headquarters at 23 West 20th Street, New York City. It is noted that he was last observed entering CP Headquarters on 9/1/59.

During the early part of 1959, informants reported that the [redacted] was criticized by [redacted] of the CP for anti-Communist and [redacted] was one of the [redacted] who was criticized in this regard.

An informant has advised that [redacted] wife, [redacted] left the CP following the resignation of JOHN GAMES in the Spring of 1958.

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On September 16, 1959, [redacted] former NY [redacted] advised Agents of the NYO that he had called to [redacted] in March of 1957, during the NY State CP Convention, and at that time [redacted] was a GAMES supporter.

Further Interviews

[redacted] was interviewed by Bureau Agents on July 12, 1959, under the Security Informant Program, and at that time, [redacted] refused to talk to the Agents, and was totally uncooperative.

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On January 27, 1959, Agents of the NYO attempted to interview subject's wife, [redacted] at her home, [redacted] but was told by the subject, who answered the door, that his wife was resting and could not be disturbed. When the Agents asked if they could return later, the subject stated, "no, she would have nothing to say to you in any event". The subject then closed the apartment door.

[redacted]

Authority to Recontact

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Although subject was uncooperative in January, 1959, in the presence of his wife, it is believed that he should be recontacted at this time, inasmuch as it appears that both he and his wife are "GAFIS supporters". It is possible that [redacted] may now be disillusioned with the CP, and if interviewed alone by Bureau Agents, might cooperate with them.

Bureau authority is requested to interview [redacted] under the TOPLEV Program on the street when he is alone, and away from his residence and employment. Bureau rules applying to interviews with security subjects will be followed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT

DATE: 10/20/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV b7D
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ReBulet dated 11/18/58.

On 10/13/59 subject was contacted under the Toplev Program in the vicinity of her residence, [redacted] New York, by SA PETER J. LEIGHTON. SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN observed this contact at a discreet distance.

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Subject acknowledged her identity when called by name, and upon learning the identity of the agent stated: "I have nothing to say to the FBI." It was pointed out to the subject that in view of the many changes in the Soviet Union and the American CP since she was last contacted by Bureau agents it was hard to understand why she would not allow the agent to explain why he wanted to talk to her. Subject again stated that she didnot want to talk to the agent; turned quickly, and walked away at a rather fast pace.

In view of the above no further consideration will be given to contactang subject under the Toplev Program at this time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. BELMONT

DATE: 10/20/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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Re New York letter dated 9/30/59.

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On 10/20/59 subject was recontacted under the Toplev Program in the vicinity of her residence, [redacted] New York, by SA PETER J. LEIGHTON. SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN observed this contact at a discreet distance.

The agent identified himself to the subject, asked if she was feeling better since their talk on 9/28/59, and pointed out to her that he had an important matter to discuss with her. At this point subject interrupted and stated that she had nothing to discuss with the FBI, didnot want to be bothered, and for the agent to leave her alone. Subject was asked if she would at least allow the agent to explain the matter to her, that it would only take a few minutes. Subject replied in a rather loud voice; "Please leave me alone, I'm not well." Further efforts to engage subject in conversation were not successful, and subject was advised that if she changed her mind to call the New York Office of the FBI.

In view of the above no further contact with the subject is being considered at this time under the Toplev Program.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/30/59

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia [redacted]

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - TOPLEV;
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The following is the status of the TOPLEV program in the Philadelphia office.

I. Subjects to be reinterviewed requiring no Bureau authority:

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II. Persons being considered for initial contact and requiring Bureau authorization:

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III. Persons interviewed during October 1959:

No TOPLEV interviews were conducted during October 1959. Efforts were made on several occasions to interview [redacted] with negative results.

IV. There were four Agents assigned on a part-time basis to the TOPLEV program at the beginning of October 1959. One of these four SA WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN has since been transferred to WFO.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
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Rebulet 9/3/59 authorizing a contact with PROVIZANO under the Toplev Program.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

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On 10/22/59 [redacted] was observed in the vicinity of her place of employment, [redacted]. She was approached in a secure location by SAs Edward W. Buckley and Chester A. Reilly. The agents introduced themselves and asked the subject if they could speak to her for a few minutes on an important matter. She immediately turned and started to walk away, saying, "I'm not interested in anything you have to say. I have nothing to say to you. Don't bother me." The agents walked a short distance with her trying to gain her confidence, but she refused to reply to their remarks.

In view of her uncooperative attitude the interview was terminated. No consideration is being given for a recontact with her under the Toplev Program.

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October 29, 1959

Director, FBI

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Authority is granted to contact [Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[Redacted] is on the SI. He resides in [Redacted] and is employed as a [Redacted]. He was born in [Redacted] and in 1937 he was [Redacted] the CP of Louisiana. He has been employed at the [Redacted] and served as [Redacted] CP, USA. He was contacted under the Toplev Program 6-14-55 and stated "I have nothing to say." He refused to be interviewed and when recontacted on 4-25-56 repeated his former statement. Since that time he was observed attending a New York State CP convention and [Redacted] the Edward E. Strong Memorial Educational Fund. It is felt that another attempt should be made at this time to interview him.

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SAC, New York [redacted]

October 20, 1959

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Reurlet 10/20/59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He resides at [redacted] New York, and is a [redacted]. He works at his trade doing odd jobs from his residence. He was born in [redacted] and was naturalized in May, 1943. In 1952 an informant advised that subject had been a member of the CP, USA, for more than 15 years and was an active [redacted] communist who [redacted] by the Party. According to the informant, subject spent some time in Russia [redacted] and is well known in the [redacted] [redacted] New York City as a communist. Subject has been identified for many years with the [redacted]. He was interviewed on 2/27/57 as a security subject and was not antagonistic but said he did not wish to talk to the Agents. In 1958 and 1959 it was reported that subject attended meetings of the [redacted] the [redacted] CP. According to New York, he holds the position of [redacted] CP.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

10/23/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 11/18/58, authorizing recontact with Toplev sub-
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On October 21, 1959, Special Agents Chester A. Reilly and Edward W. Buckley observed the subject on the street in the vicinity of his place of employment, [redacted] N. Y. The subject was directly approached on the street by the agents, who readily admitted his identity and was cordial to the agents when they introduced themselves, exhibiting their credentials. [redacted] was advised that he was being contacted again in order to grant him the opportunity to confidentially discuss Communist Party activity if he so desired.

[redacted] cordially advised the agents that he had nothing to discuss with the FBI; that his answer is still the same as he previously advised the FBI; that he had no comment to make; and that his thinking was his own and no business of the FBI. The agents advised [redacted] that many things have taken place within the CP, USA, referencing the factionalist struggle within the Party plus other Party jealousies on the part of the CP leaders. [redacted] remarked, "Gentlemen, I know many changes and things have taken place, but I'm not going to discuss them with you fellows." [redacted] remarked that he could not see himself discussing anything with the FBI and that he was sorry he had to be on his way. Before the interview was terminated the agents advised him that if at some future date he has a change of mind and wants to discuss anything with this Bureau, he should feel free to communicate with this office.

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The interview was terminated in somewhat of a friendly manner with [redacted] remarking, "Sorry I have nothing to say to you fellows. So long." No additional contacts are planned with [redacted] at this time.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

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SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Re New York letter 10/5/59.

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On October 15, 1959, Special Agents Edward W. Buckley and [redacted] observed the subject on the street in the vicinity of [redacted]. Since the subject was alone, Agent Buckley made a direct approach to the subject and introduced himself. The subject admitted his identity, and after looking at the credentials of the agent, smiled and stated, "I'm sorry, sir. I have nothing to discuss with you." [redacted] was advised that he was again being recontacted to ascertain if he were interested in confidentially discussing Communist Party activity. The subject again stated, "Sorry, I have nothing to say. I can't take time out now or later to discuss anything with you."

The subject started walking away, and he was accompanied for a short distance at which time he was advised that if at some future date he changes his mind and wants to discuss anything with the FBI he should feel free to communicate with this Bureau.

[redacted] responded, "I don't think I'll be calling you, but if I have anything to say I know how to get in touch with the FBI." The interview was observed since Agent [redacted] was within earshot of the contact, and nothing of an unusual nature was observed.

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Since [redacted] would not take time out to discuss anything, no additional contacts will be made with him at this time.

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ReBulet 9/25/59 authorizing a contact with captioned subject.

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Please be advised that spot checks have been made in the vicinity of the subject's residence, [redacted] New York, but the subject has not been observed and therefore no contact has been made with her. Every effort will be made to contact this subject within the next thirty days, and the results of the contact will be furnished to the Bureau.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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Att: Assistant Director

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Re NY letter 9/8/59, reporting first interview with [redacted] under the TOPLEV Program.

On 9/15/59, the Director's article "Breaking the Communist Spell" was sent to subject's residence anonymously by regular mail.

On the morning of 10/13/59, [redacted] was observed to leave his employment, [redacted] NYC, by SAS ALFRED B. NOVAK and [redacted]. When it was noted that he was alone and was proceeding to his automobile which was parked a considerable distance away from his employment, subject was contacted on the street as he was about to enter his car. The Agents explained to [redacted] that they were recontacting him because they knew a man in his position might take some time to consider the matters which were brought up in the first interview and that the Agents were hopeful that he might have reconsidered and come to the conclusion that he could be helpful to the Government. [redacted] replied that he had considered that there was no way in which he could aid the Agents at this time. He protested that the Agents were wasting their time talking to him inasmuch as he would not discuss "political" activity with them. The Agents explained to [redacted] that it was not a waste of time because they were aware that he was in a position in which he could be quite helpful to this Government in supplying information regarding organizations which were unfriendly to this form of Government.

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The Agents explained that they considered this a serious matter which he should carefully consider and examine his position carefully. Agents advised [redacted] that if he would examine his position carefully, that he would surely reach a decision where he would voluntarily agree with the Agents that it was his duty to aid the Government and by aiding the Government, he would also help himself.

[redacted] volunteered the information that he had received literature through the mail and that he had found it interesting but did not agree with its contents. When asked by the Agents as to what he did not agree with, he stated that he did not want to enter in any further discussion. At this point in the interview, [redacted] had entered his automobile and started the motor and appeared to be ready to drive away. The Agents again reminded [redacted] that they desired him to continue to give this matter careful consideration and that if he ever changed his mind, to call the FBI.

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[redacted] refused to make any further reply and the interview was terminated at this point with [redacted] driving away.

Evaluation

Throughout this contact, [redacted] was friendly to the Agents but was firm in his refusal to cooperate in any way with the Agents. By his attitude and remarks, it is not believed that a recontact should be made with him at this time; however, the NYO will review his file in approximately six months to ascertain if a recontact might be desirable.

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ReMYlet, dated August 31, 1959.

On September 4, 11, and 13, 1959 (Friday afternoons), [redacted] was phoned at his employment and efforts were made to arrange a meeting with him. On each occasion, [redacted] advised that he was too busy to be contacted.

On September 29, 1959, [redacted] was observed by SAs LELAID G. RICHIE and WAYNE H. DRAKE leaving his residence at about 7:55 a.m. [redacted] car was parked in an alley adjacent to his residence, and as he neared his automobile SA DRAKE contacted [redacted] was advised that it was felt that the Bureau had complied with his wishes in not phoning him at his residence. [redacted] was also reminded that he had, in the past, agreed to be recontacted.

[redacted] stated it was true that he had put the agent off, but that he had nothing to discuss with the agent; however, he would go ahead with his agreement to be recontacted. [redacted] said he would be agreeable to be contacted on either October 9 or 10, 1959.

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The above contact with [redacted] lasted about five minutes.

On October 9, 1959, [redacted] was phoned at his employment and advised he would definitely have the following Friday afternoon, October 10, 1959, free for contact with the agent.

On October 10, 1959, [redacted] phoned the agent and requested to be met in the lobby of [redacted] Chicago. [redacted] met SA DRAKE at 2:35 p.m., and they proceeded to the restaurant located on the southeast corner of [redacted] SA RICHIE was in the restaurant at that time and observed the entire interview.

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[redacted] advised that he had agreed to this interview because he wanted to use this opportunity to make his position very clear. He said that as a [redacted] he was only interested in the betterment of society. He said he liked to consider himself as completely objective. He said that, of course, this is an impossibility because of his own human limitations. He said that regardless of this he was attempting in his work to be as objective as possible.

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[redacted] was advised that he certainly had every right to work as he pleased within the framework of our democratic society. [redacted] was asked, however, that he had not clarified his role with the Communist Party, USA (CP).

[redacted] stated he would not discuss the CP, and he then reminded the agent that at no time had he ever stated he was associated with the Party.

[redacted] was asked if he had discussed his first interview and his second contact with his wife. [redacted] said he was under no obligation to the Government and did not want to be in a position of obligation. He said he would, therefore, not comment whether he had discussed the other contacts with his wife.

[redacted] was asked if he did not already have a responsibility to this Government to help as a private citizen fight the international conspiracy of Communism. [redacted] stated that if he were the FBI perhaps that would be his job, but that he was a [redacted] society [redacted]. He said his responsibility was to help [redacted] and not fight Communism.

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[redacted] was asked if he would help or assist the Communist movement. [redacted] stated that he and the agent could continue for some time and never get together in their discussion. [redacted] said he had complied with the Bureau's desire to be recontacted, but that he would not agree to another interview. [redacted] said the only conceivable recontact of him would have to be on official business concerning another matter.

[redacted] then stated he was leaving, and the agent walked with him to the hospital.

The interview terminated at about 3:10 p.m.

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Evaluation

[redacted] was again friendly during the entire interview. He also appeared more confident.

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A reinterview of [REDACTED] at this time is not recommended in view of his statements that he would not consent to any further discussion relating to Communism.

This interview will be incorporated into the first report on [REDACTED] in 1960.

DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

10/21/59

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Rerep of SA JOSEPH E. TRAVERS dated 8/27/59, at Chicago, captioned as above, and Chicago letter dated 10/1/59, captioned 'CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS-C.'

Numerous attempts have recently been made to contact and interview [redacted] under the TOPLEV program. She has been observed on occasion, but an opportunity to contact her under secure conditions has not presented itself. Realizing that initial contacts under the TOPLEV program can be made by surprise at a subject's residence, this is not believed prudent in this case since the subject's husband is unemployed and is usually at home.

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Chicago will continue efforts to contact [redacted] under conditions affording maximum security and in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with subjects under the TOPLEV program.

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Director, FBI

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Reurlet 10-13-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87D (7) (e) of Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. She resides at [redacted] New York, and is employed as a [redacted]

[redacted] New York. Her Communist Party (CP) history dates back to 1943 when she signed a CP petition. She has been identified as a CP member in 1950 and 1953, and in 1957 she was elected to the [redacted] CP. She has continued her Party work, and the latest information discloses that she still is a member of the [redacted]

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[redacted] who was elected to the [redacted]
[redacted] CP at the [redacted] Convention
held in [redacted], 1957, and who attended the [redacted]
organizational [redacted] CP in 1959,
has been selected for interview under the Toplev Program.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

[redacted] advised [redacted]
[redacted] /24/59. Said [redacted] has been interviewed under
the Toplev Program and has been uncooperative with the agency.

On 11/18/59, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that she could not, for
her own safety, give the names of all children in [redacted]
[redacted] to [redacted] for a [redacted] address for a [redacted] of [redacted].
[redacted] advised [redacted] at [redacted]
NY, [redacted] she now lives in [redacted]

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In 1956, it was determined that subject at that time was employed as a [redacted]
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[redacted] NY. She continues her employment at [redacted] in the same capacity.

CONFIDENTIAL EARLY ACTIVITIES

[redacted] CP Petition in 1943; sent "greeting message" to the "Daily Worker" in 1944 on its 20th Anniversary; protested the trial of the CP leaders in NY in 1949; and was identified as a CP member in 1950 and 1953.

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In 1956, [redacted] was identified as a current active [redacted] CP; entered [redacted] in January, 1957, prior to the start of a [redacted] CP Convention held therein; elected to the [redacted] CP at the [redacted] Convention held in May, 1957; attended during June, 1957, a meeting of the [redacted] and was [redacted] for the summer activities; and in July, 1957, attended a meeting of the [redacted]

On 10/17/57, [redacted] members of a committee formed by the [redacted] the [redacted] CP to work out plans for a social affair to be held 11/1 /57; and attended a party given by the [redacted] CP on 11/16/57.

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In subject attended a [redacted] organized by [redacted] CP and held on 3/7/58. As of 8/25/59, subject was a member of the [redacted] CP.

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AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW

Bureau authority is requested to interview [Redacted]
under the Tolley Program. Rules applying to interviews with
security subjects will be followed.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. TARRANT

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[REDACTED] attempts to locate the subject, for the purpose of conducting an interview under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev Program, have been unproductive. These efforts failed to establish a definite pattern of activity or daily routine which would facilitate an interview.

No further effort will be expended at this time. This course of action is based on the above and on information recently received to the effect that [REDACTED] refused to submit to an interview by SA-2, D. S. [REDACTED], his reserve status.

Investigation, to determine if the subject is still in the employ of the WCA, will continue.

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SECURITY INFORMANT

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Re: [redacted], 6/15/59.

I. Residence and Employment

No Change.

II. Current Membership in Subversive Organizations

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[redacted] is a member of the [redacted] CP.

III. Summary of Information Furnished and/or Services Rendered During Pertinent Period

The informant has been meeting regularly with [redacted] [redacted] for the CP. Following the local CP meetings during June and July, it was decided by [redacted] the informant, and other active members in [redacted] that no more meetings should be held during the summer months in view of the unavailability of some of the members because of vacations and so forth. A recent meeting between [redacted] and the informant has indicated that monthly meetings will be re-instituted in the early fall. [redacted] continues her attendance at Upstate New York CP Conferences and the informant continues to be briefed by [redacted] relative to the thinking of the New York State CP group. This information has been most helpful in analyzing the local Party situation.

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[redacted] the CP [redacted] who is also responsible for CP activity in [redacted] has been in [redacted] on at least one occasion during the reporting period and has indicated to [redacted] that every effort should be made to recruit more members into the [redacted] [redacted] has given out assignments for contact to the informant and others in an effort to create

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more local interest on the part of individuals who were formerly active in the local CP group. Besides giving [redacted] definite assignments for contact, [redacted] has discussed this matter periodically with the informant, utilizing the informant's suggestions on many occasions. The informant and [redacted] have not as yet had an opportunity to meet locally but the informant feels this is just a matter of time inasmuch as [redacted] had told [redacted] that he wishes to establish contact with the informant during one or more of his trips into the [redacted] area. It is felt that once these contacts are established that the informant will be able to carry out his job as [redacted] the local CP group more efficiently.

Informant continues to maintain contact with other leading members of the CP in [redacted] including [redacted] the latter contact serving as a check on the activities of [redacted]

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The informant continues in his program of making contact with former CP members in the [redacted] area in an effort to [redacted] and as stated above, in an attempt to interest these individuals in local Party activity. The information furnished this office by the informant concerning these contacts is not available through normal investigative channels.

The informant continues as a member of the [redacted] [redacted] the NAACP and furnishes this office with the current status of the organization in relation to CP infiltration. [redacted] and other members of the local CP organization are also members of the [redacted] the NAACP.

The informant continues to furnish information regarding subjects of applicant type investigations and has during the reporting period characterized a number of formerly active CP members locally. During the reporting period the informant has formulated plans to reinstitute his visits to the Buffalo, NY area in an effort to establish periodic liaison with [redacted] a member of the CP [redacted] [redacted] and others in the Buffalo area who are active in the CP and who are friendly to the informant. Two such visits were planned but not executed by the informant during the reporting period in view of illness suffered by the informant.

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During the reporting period the informant has had contact with local CP functionaries and CP members and from them has obtained information relating to proposed plans for the local CP group during the forthcoming fall and winter months. This information concerns the part the local CP group will play in [redacted] and action by the local group in setting up study groups to discuss the Party's draft resolutions.

IV. Amount Paid for Services and Expenses by Month

<u>Period</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
6/1-30/59	\$120.00	\$18.40
7/1-31/59	\$115.00	\$17.65
8/1-31/59	\$110.00	\$15.20
9/1-30/59	\$110.00	\$13.75

V. Type and Number of Meetings Attended and Other Activity

CP meetings, local group	5
Discussions with local CP functionaries. . .	9
Discussions with former CP members	7
Discussions with former members CP Staff, [redacted]	5
Meetings, [redacted] NAACP	3
TOTAL	29

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VI. Number of Written and Oral Reports Submitted

(1) Written	8
(2) Oral	11

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VII. Information Furnished of Unusual Value

During August, 1959, [redacted] learned from [redacted] that when the local group meets again in the fall of 1959 every effort will be made to direct the activities of the members toward [redacted] and setting up study groups for discussion of the CP draft program. It is felt that this information is of value because it affords this office the chance to place certain individuals in a position where they might be contacted for assistance by the CP, therefore increasing the possibility of additional informant coverage.

VIII. Approximate Number of Persons on Whom Informant Furnished Coverage, and Their Importance

Nineteen, including the CP [redacted] and other leading functionaries in the Buffalo area together with the leading functionaries in [redacted]. Also coverage was afforded on a current security informant serving as a check on his activities and the remaining members of the [redacted] CP. The informant has also reported on former leading officials and members of the [redacted] CP one of whom is a close personal friend and was the [redacted] CP member in the [redacted] area.

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IX. Informant's Potential for Advancement

Excellent. The informant feels that he stands a better than average chance of assuming a position of importance in the local CP group. He is the [redacted] of the local group and it is felt that when contacts are established with the [redacted] CP [redacted] the informant will be in an excellent position to advance. The informant, because of his background and extensive knowledge of Marxism-Leninism appears to be in an excellent position to establish himself in a high level with the CP locally.

X. Stability and Reliability

No personal weaknesses, indications of instability, untrustworthiness, unreliability, or similar problems on the

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informant were noted during this period. Where possible, the information has been checked with and corroborated by other reliable sources.

The informant's wife continues to reside in [redacted] Pa., and there is no information to indicate when she intends to return to [redacted]

XI. Indoctrination Against Disclosure

Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media.

XII. Action Taken on Information Furnished

All necessary action has been taken and the information channelized or is in the process of channelization.

XIII. Miscellaneous

Informant is receptive to directions, submits clear, factual and complete reports, and has indicated on several occasions that if the opportunity presents itself, he would again accept the position of [redacted] CP. There is no reason to believe that the informant is anything but sincere in his feelings and it is felt that some time in the future he will [redacted] with the local CP organization.

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XIV. Recommendation

That authority be granted to continue payments to this informant up to \$125.00 per month for services rendered on a C.O.D. basis, plus up to \$25.00 per month for expenses actually incurred for a period of four months effective 11/1/59.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: October 29, 1959

FROM : ^{DSH}~~EF~~ SAC, Detroit (66-3360)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER, 1959

Regarding Detroit letter dated September 30, 1959 and Bureau letters dated November 18 and December 18, 1958.

1. The following subjects were selected for reinterview requiring no additional authority to contact:



2. Names of individuals who are being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted with required Bureau authorization:

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3. Names of subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during the month of October, 1959:

None

4. Number of Agents assigned to this Program at the present time, in addition to their other security assignments:

Six

It is being suggested that the Bureau discontinue the requirement that this office submit monthly letters as set out in Bureau letter December 18, 1958. We have about run out of logical subjects whom we may contact initially or to reinterview, in a Toplev category.

2-Bureau (RM)
1-Detroit
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The Toplev Program has always received the greatest of consideration by this office, in situations arising where and when we feel we can capitalize in any advantageous situation. This important project is afforded close supervision and as much time as possible is devoted to the preparation for and the conducting of interviews and reinterviews.

The Bureau may be kept advised of our progress, through our requests as they are submitted for approval of an initial contact or reinterview, as we always refer to Bureau file 100-3-99, in our communications.

So far as the Detroit Office is concerned, this Program has been a continuing project since its inception. We have always been alert to take advantage of all weaknesses of the individual communists to obtain additional potential informants in the CP, USA.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10-30-59

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (66-3047)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA

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 TOPLEV
 INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Re: New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 9-30-59.

- 1) Names of subjects selected for interview requiring no additional Bureau authority to contact: None.
- 2) Names of subjects who are being considered for initial contact, or who have been contacted but require Bureau re-authorization: None.
- 3) Number of subjects interviewed, or re-interviewed during the month: One. [redacted]
 Bufile [redacted]
- 4) Number of Agents assigned to this Program at this time: Six. b7D
- 5) Comments regarding progress and plans to implement this program in New Haven:

As noted above, [redacted] was interviewed on 10-5-59. He was completely uncooperative. In view of the attitude manifested by [redacted] at the time the interview of him was attempted, no recommendation has been made for re-interview of him at this time.

It is observed that this office has no individuals being considered at the present time for interview under this Program. This matter will be followed closely, and the files of possible potential subjects to be included in this Program will be reviewed, and if deemed feasible, recommendations will be made to the Bureau to authorize this office to interview them.

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 2 - Bureau (RM)
 1 - New Haven
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: October 30, 1959

FROM : *WWS*
Y SAC, Los Angeles

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 9/29/59.

This is to inform that no additional interviews have been conducted under this program since referenced letter was submitted. There are several interviews to be conducted when appropriate Bureau authority has been received.

The Bureau will be informed of interviews when conducted, in the appropriate case file, and by the first of each month in the Toplev or Control File.

2 - Bureau (AIR MAIL REGISTERED)
1 - Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 11/2/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK

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SUBJECT: CP, USA
TOPLEV
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ReBulet 12/18/58 and Nklet 10/1/59.

In accordance with reBulet, the following information is being submitted regarding this program.

I. Names of subjects selected for reinterview requiring no additional Bureau authority to contact:

None

II. Names of individuals who are now being considered for initial contact or who have been contacted but require Bureau reauthorization:

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III. Names of subjects interviewed or reinterviewed during the month:

None

IV. Number of Agents assigned to this program:

One

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2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Newark
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V. Brief comments regarding Newark's progress and plans to implement the program:

Reviews of the files of subjects previously eliminated from the program for reasons of a temporary nature are continuing. Names of individuals thus re-evaluated who will be reconsidered for interview will be furnished to the Bureau and upon receipt of Bureau authority contacts will be made as rapidly as opportunity and security will allow.

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[redacted]
The records of the Identification Bureau under
number [redacted]
from 1932 to 1953, for [redacted]

PROSECUTION OF [redacted] UNDER LMRA VIOLATION

On [redacted]
[redacted] with the NLRB in Washington, DC.
In a statement which appeared in the [redacted]
[redacted] declared "I have resigned from the CP, but
I do not give up my belief in true democracy". In the
statement [redacted] said he was a member of the CP for almost
30 years but that the Congress of the US denies him his
constitutional right to belong to the CP and at the same
time hold office in a trade union.

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The Federal Grand Jury, Washington, DC, indicted
the subject on [redacted]
[redacted] under the provisions of
the LMRA. The subject surrendered to the United States
Attorney, Washington, DC, [redacted] and was released in
\$10,000 bond.

The subject's trial began on [redacted] and ter-
minated on [redacted] with a jury verdict of guilty on two of
a three count indictment. He was sentenced on [redacted]
to a term of not less than one nor more than three years on
each guilty count; sentences to run concurrently. He was
released on \$10,000 bond.

The US Court of Appeals, Washington, DC, on [redacted]
affirmed the conviction of [redacted]

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On [redacted] the US Supreme Court in a six to
three decision reversed the judgment of the US Court of
Appeals and remanded the case to the US District Court with
directions to grant a new trial because of official intru-
sion into privacy of the jury.

On [redacted] the USA OLIVER GASCH appeared before
Judge EDWARD M. CURRAN in USDC, Washington, DC, and made an

[redacted]
oral motion to dismiss the indictment against [redacted] Judge CURRAN granted the motion and ordered the indictment dismissed.

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COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

[redacted] attended the [redacted] in the early 1930's. He was a member of the CP [redacted] about 1935 [redacted] Communist as EARL BROWDER and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. It was learned in 1940 that [redacted] the CP [redacted]

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[redacted] was identified as being present at the CP National Conventions in 1944 and 1945 where [redacted] He was elected to [redacted] in both years.

[redacted] has been described as a [redacted] the CP who has [redacted] the CP [redacted] and who has been a [redacted] the CP in the US and as of 1947 a member of the [redacted] CP USA.

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The subject was a [redacted] the NY State CP Convention in NYC, July, 1948, and to the CP National Convention in August, 1948. [redacted] was described by [redacted] CP [redacted] of the Party's [redacted]

[redacted] attended a meeting with [redacted] ILWU in November, 1951, at Washington, DC; [redacted] the May Day Parades 1951 and 1952; was reported as [redacted] to be given in honor of [redacted] on 4/24/52; was active on behalf of [redacted] CP [redacted] of the [redacted] in January, 1953; and in 1956 was reported as continuing to have great loyalty to the CP.


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In April and May, 1958, [redacted] was reported as [redacted] WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. In September, 1958, [redacted] IRVING POTASH in NY after his release from jail.

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AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW

Bureau authority is requested to contact 
under the Toplev Program. Rules applying to interviews
of security subjects will be observed.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 11/2

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) DATE: 10/28/59
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont *abw*

From FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: *O* CP, USA - TOPLEV
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Rebulet 7/29/59 authorizing a contact with [redacted] under the Toplev Program.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

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On 10/26/59 [redacted] was observed in the vicinity of his place of employment, [redacted] N. Y. He was approached in a secure location by SAs Edward W. Buckley and Chester A. Reilly, who identified themselves to him and asked if he would give them a few minutes to discuss an important matter. [redacted] quickly replied that he had nothing to discuss with the FBI and would have nothing to say. As he walked away the agents accompanied him for a short distance and tried to engage him in conversation. [redacted] refused to reply to their remarks and the interview was terminated when he crossed the street to avoid them. In view of his uncooperative attitude no consideration is being given for a recontact with [redacted] under the Toplev Program.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-3-99) (RM)
- (1 - Bufile [redacted])
- 1 - [redacted] (INV.) (41)
- 1 - [redacted] (416)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)(100-420111)RM
Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT

10/29/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 10/1/59.

On 10/22/59, [redacted] was interviewed by surprise at her residence, [redacted] NY, by SAs J. WILMER TRANDON and THOMAS H. SULLIVAN.

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[redacted] opened her door to the extent of a chain lock and refused to admit the agents. She listened attentively while the purpose of the interview was explained. Subject said she knew the agents had previously talked with her husband, [redacted] and that neither she nor her husband desired to cooperate with the FBI. She terminated the interview by closing her door with suddenness.

Subject has a rather attractive and youthful appearance. Her innocent expression might cause one to disbelieve her CP affiliations. She seemed interested in speaking with the agents, possibly because of curiosity, and she listened politely as the benefits of cooperating with her government were mentioned to her. She made no acknowledgment of her CP connection. Her sudden closing of the door seemed rather impetuous, probably because she may have realized she had by then listened to the agents for too long a period of time. It is estimated that subject allowed the agents to interview her for about four minutes.

Although subject was uncooperative, her willingness to listen, when she could have closed the door instead, leaves reason to believe a further interview is warranted. In view of her husband's prior inclination toward cooperating, it is believed a further interview of subject after she has discussed this interview with him, will more accurately determine her true character. An attempt to reinterview subject during the next 30 days will therefore be made.

3 - Bureau (2 - 100-3-99) RM
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(1 - [redacted]) #41

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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Consideration is being given to interviewing [redacted] under the TOPLEV Program. She is of the [redacted] race, resides at [redacted] California, with her mother and is employed by the [redacted]

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Background

[redacted] was born [redacted] Ohio; attended High School in that city and the [redacted] from 1933 to 1936. She was married to [redacted] (Bufile [redacted]) on 7/4/47 at Los Angeles. [redacted] He was on the SI of the Los Angeles Office.

Following the death of her husband she took up residence with her mother, Mrs. [redacted] at [redacted] has indicated the mother is not Communist. Her brother-in-law, [redacted] is on the SI of this office.

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Communist Party (CP) History

[redacted] was recruited into the CP in January, 1948 by her husband, [redacted] and was an active member through 1951. In 1954 the CP underground apparatus was in possession of a "verification" for underground personnel

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2-Los Angeles

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[redacted]
[redacted] She was [redacted]
the [redacted] LACCP, and its [redacted]
in 1948. In the same year it was announced she would be
a member of the [redacted]
LACCP.

In July, 1957 she was acting as [redacted]
[redacted]
of the SCDCP and was an [redacted] in
September, 1957. She attended the LACCP convention in
January, 1957, the California State CP convention in
January and March, 1957 and the SCDCP convention in
April, 1957 as well as CP caucuses in January and April,
1957. In June, 1957, she was [redacted]
member from [redacted] SCDCP. As of May,
1958, she was [redacted] from the

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[redacted] SCDCP and a member of the
On 5/1/58 she was again reported
to be an [redacted]
She attended a State Conference of the California District,
CP held 1/25/59 at Los Angeles. She was last known to be
present at a CP meeting on 9/14/59.

CP Front Activities

She attended functions of the ARI in 1949-51;
the [redacted] in 1950; the LYL, CRC,
American Polish League and HASP in 1951 and the IPP in
1951-52. She has been and is a current subscriber to the
People's World.

Associates and Weaknesses

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The file reflects no associates other than
members of the [redacted] SCDCP.


[redacted] advised on 10/7/59 that he felt [redacted]
realizes the CP is wrong and that she should not be in it.
On 12/2/58 this informant said [redacted] came from a middle-
western family that was non-Communist in orientation. He
further stated that although she has been in attendance at
SCDCP [redacted] meetings, she has no deep technical



foundation in Communism and is not a real student of Marxism-Leninism.

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Plan of Approach

 will be approached away from her residence and employment and in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

Recommendation

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. If the subject is cooperative no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct her activities.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont

10/22/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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Rebulet 10/8/59 captioned "CP, USA - FUNDS; IS - C."

NY 604-S* has confidentially advised that [redacted]

[redacted] has contributed substantial funds to the CP [redacted]. She also associates with the [redacted] the CP, USA. An attempt was made to interview her under the Toplev Program on 12/20/55 but she was antagonistic and refused to engage in conversation. During [redacted] she made a trip to the Soviet Union and it was reported that she attempted to obtain [redacted] which she planned to establish. She is reported to be unemployed, and resides at [redacted].

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No information has been received which would indicate a change of attitude on the part of the subject; however, in view of her past history as a Party "angel" a recontact with her may be warranted. The Bureau is requested for authority to recontact the subject pursuant to existing instructions relating to the Toplev Program. If such authority is granted she will be approached on the street away from her residence.

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- (1 in [redacted])
- 1 - [redacted] (INV.) (41)
- 1 - [redacted] (41)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) DATE: 10/29/59
Att: Ass't Director A. H. Belmont *ahb*

From FROM : SAC, NEW YORK b7D

SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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ReNYlet 9/29/59.

I. The names of subjects who are being considered for recontact under the Toplev Program requiring no additional Bureau authority for recontact are as follows:

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II. The names of subjects who are being considered for interview for the first time under the Toplev Program and in each case Bureau authority will be requested, and the names of subjects who were previously interviewed under the Toplev Program but because of their position in the etc., additional Bureau authority will be requested, are as follows:

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III. The following subjects have either been recontacted or interviewed for the first time under the Toplev Program during the month of October, 1959:

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RECONTACTS

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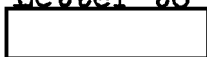
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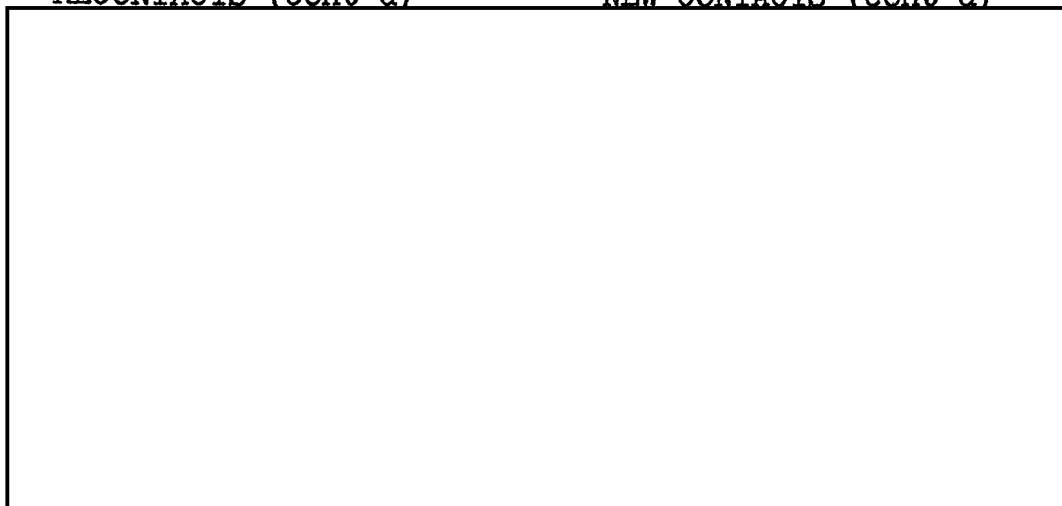
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10/29/59


Re: CP, USA - TOPLEV
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RECONTACTS (cont'd)

NEW CONTACTS (cont'd)



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In view of the report that the CP is currently contacting members who have fallen away, to re-register them in the CP, and the membership has become more active, agents assigned to this program will continue to contact persons who are in a position to become Toplev informants.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: November 2, 1959

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (66-4754)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
IS - C

Re Cleveland letter 9/30/59.

Names of Subjects Selected for Reinterview Requiring No Additional Authority to Contact

[Redacted]

Names of Individuals Who are Being Considered for Initial Contact or Who Have Been Contacted But Require Bureau Reauthorization

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[Redacted]

Names of Subjects Interviewed or Reinterviewed During the Month

[Redacted]

Number of Agents Assigned to the Program at the Present Time

There are three Agents assigned part-time to the program.

Brief Comments Regarding Progress and Plans to Implement the Program

During the preceding month investigation of [Redacted] confirmed that he is presently employed by UAW [Redacted] and by Cleveland letter 10/5/59 it was indicated that he would therefore not be considered for interview.

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2 - Bureau (RM)

3 - [Redacted]

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Submission of a letter requesting authority to interview [redacted] was held in abeyance since it appeared that she would very shortly move to [redacted] Indiana; however, since it now appears that she will continue to reside in [redacted] for an indeterminate period of time, a letter requesting authority to interview her will be submitted.

Bureau letter dated 10/16/59 granted authority to interview [redacted]; however, he has not been observed under circumstances appropriate for interview.

[redacted] was interviewed on October 30, 1959. [redacted] was affable until the Agent identified himself and exhibited his credentials. [redacted] then became surly and stated, "I ain't got nothing to do with the FBI, you might as well go," and waved his arm toward the door to his shop. The Agent explained the purpose of contacting him, and [redacted] reiterated, "I got nothing to say to the FBI, and you might as well go and stop botherin the 'people'" A map of the Soviet Union is prominently displayed in [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 11/2/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

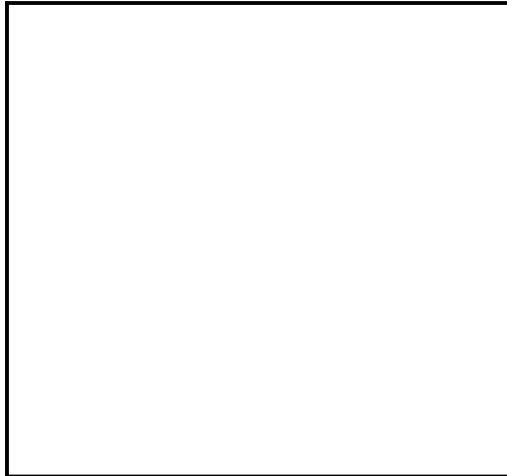
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ReBulet to Baltimore dated 12/18/59.

Names of Subjects Selected
For Reinterview Requiring
No Additional Bureau Authority
To Contact



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During the past month, efforts to contact the above listed persons in a secure place suitable for interview met with unproductive results. Efforts will continue during November to contact these persons in secure places suitable for interview.

Names of Individuals Who
Are Being Considered For
Initial Contact or Who Have
Been Contacted Who Require
Bureau Reauthorization

None.

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Names of Subjects Interviewed or
Reinterviewed During the Month

During October, 1959, [Redacted]
[Redacted] was reinterviewed and although he was
friendly with the contacting agent he was insistent that he
not be recontacted by Bureau agents again and for this reason
it is contemplated that he will not be recontacted for at
least six months.

Number of Agents Assigned to
This Program at This Time

During the month of October, 1959, there were
five Special Agents assigned part time to the TOPLEV program
in the Chicago Division.

Brief Comments Regarding Program
And Plans to Implement Program

This program is continuing to receive emphasis and
close supervision in the Chicago Division. It is realized
that the number of interviews pending under this program at
this time is relatively small and it is anticipated that following
the ~~Chicago~~ ^{SECTION} conventions where new officers will be elected
and the Illinois State Convention to be held in November,
additional names will be added to this list.

As pointed out in the past, all agents working
Security are constantly reminded and kept alert for any
possible interviews under this program.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 10/27/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK

SUBJECT: CP, USA,
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The following information pertaining to [Redacted] is submitted in connection with a request for Bureau authority to interview her.

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I. BACKGROUND

[Redacted] female, has been reported as having been born on [Redacted]

[Redacted] Her parents were [Redacted] She obtained derivative citizenship through her father's naturalization on [Redacted] She received three years of high school education at [Redacted] she was married to [Redacted] New York. They have [Redacted] Her husband has a history of CP activity. He was uncooperative when interviewed in 1954 and again refused to be interviewed when last contacted on 8/18/59.

[Redacted] was arrested on [Redacted] for disorderly conduct at [Redacted] N. J. The case was dismissed. Press reports indicate this arrest occurred in connection with [Redacted]

In 1935, [Redacted] N. Y. At an undetermined time prior to 1941 she resided at [Redacted] Pa. From 1941 until 1953 she lived at [Redacted] N. J. From 1953 until May, 1959, she has resided at [Redacted] N. J. She has lived with her family at her current residence, [Redacted] N. J., since 5/29/59.

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The subject has been principally occupied as a housewife, although the following outside employments are known:

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- 1953-1955
- 1955
- 1957-1958



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In January, 1959, she was an [redacted] in the Newark area. These employments since 1957 have been interspersed with occasional lay-off periods. She is unemployed at the present time.

In December, 1957, [redacted] requested a leave of absence from the [redacted] CP [redacted] for health reasons. In [redacted] to a hospital. In January, 1959, she was convalescing from an operation, the exact nature of which is not known. So far as is known, there is no reason why her present health should preclude interview.

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II. CP ACTIVITIES

The subject is reported to have been a member of the CP since 1930. From 1943 to 1951 she was a member of the CP in [redacted] N. J. In 1946, she held the position of [redacted] and in that year she was also a member of the New Jersey CP [redacted]. In 1947, she was reported to be [redacted] CP fund drive. In that same year, she attended CP training classes concerning the Negro question and CP strategy. From 1948 to 1951, she was CP [redacted] the [redacted] CP. In 1957, she attended the [redacted] CP Convention and was a member of the [redacted] CP [redacted] as well as a [redacted]. In January, 1957, various CP records maintained in her residence indicated she was possibly acting as [redacted] CP [redacted]. She attended a CP gathering in March, 1958, and attended the May Day Rally 5/1/59 of the New Jersey CP. Subsequent to attending this rally, [redacted] [redacted] MARTHA STONE concerning the rally.

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[redacted] New Jersey CP [redacted] who resigned from the CP in October, 1958, has been the [redacted] CP [redacted] in the New Jersey CP. In October, 1957, [redacted] stated that the subject and her husband wanted to do what they could but were unable to cope with the situation existing in the CP. This reference was apparently to the factional situation. In [redacted] the subject attended an amnesty gathering given by [redacted] and helped collect funds to pay for an amnesty [redacted] During 1959, [redacted] has been reported as associated with [redacted] CP members.

III. APPROACH

In view of the information set forth above indicating that [redacted] is associated with the [redacted] CP [redacted] the approach to her will be based upon the premise that she is disappointed with the present CP leadership and policies. Her cooperation will be requested to clarify her own standing concerning the CP, USA, as an organization subservient to the interests of the USSR and opposed to the interests of the American people.

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IV. REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY

Bureau authority is requested to contact the subject in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding Toplev interviews.

SAC, San Francisco

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November 18, 1959

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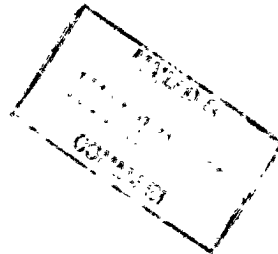
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Since all Toplev subjects in your Division have been interviewed, it will not be necessary to submit this monthly letter to the Bureau. You should continue to consider recontacts with subjects previously interviewed when the circumstances warrant, and in those cases which require additional authority submit an appropriate communication to the Bureau. Results of all interviews and reinterviews should, of course, be furnished to the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Since reactivation of Toplev Program in November, 1958, SF contacted 20 subjects for a total of 28 interviews and reinterviews.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 11/2/59

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

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SUBJECT: CP, USA, TOPLEV
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ReBulet 12/18/58; San Francisco letter to Bureau, 3/30/59.

- (1) All persons selected for reinterview have been interviewed.
- (2) All persons selected for initial contact requiring Bureau authorization have been interviewed.
- (3) During the month of September, 1959, no interviews were conducted.
- (4) Six Special Agents are assigned to conduct interviews under this program.
- (5) Numerous attempts have been made to contact during the past several months. The Agents have been unable to locate in a suitable place for interview. Attempts will be continued to interview again under the TOPLEV Program.

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As noted above, all TOPLEV subjects in San Francisco have been interviewed. Therefore, Bureau authority is requested to discontinue the monthly letter to the Bureau.

The results of the 2nd interview with will be submitted when the interview is completed and additional interviews if warranted.

TOPLEV interviews of additional subjects, not previously submitted to the Bureau, will be requested by separate letter.

Additional contacts of persons interviewed under this program will be conducted when the occasion warrants such interviews.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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(100-3-99)

November 16, 1959

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ReBulet 10/16/59.

Numerous attempts to interview the subject under secure conditions have been made to date without success.

UACB, further attempts to interview the subject under secure conditions will be made during the next thirty day period from November 16, 1959.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) [redacted]
ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

11/12/59

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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[redacted] was reinterviewed on 10/29/59, by SAS J. WILMER MIRANDON and JOHN J. MATTIMORE, while walking in the vicinity of [redacted] and [redacted] NY.

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[redacted] recognized the agents and looked away as they approached. SA MIRANDON greeted [redacted] in a friendly fashion as SA MATTIMORE remained in hearing distance.

[redacted] exchanged the greeting rather indifferently. He was asked if he had given thought to the beneficial aspects involved in cooperating with the Government. He replied that he had not changed his mind, but with a smile he asked in what manner cooperating with the FBI might be beneficial to him. The possibilities of additional income for information which he, himself, might deem unimportant and of no consequence to the Government; the pride of doing something worthwhile for his country; the satisfaction derived from utilizing a greater amount of his innate intelligence and ability; and the unlimited potential for self improvement for himself and family which is now restricted by his adherence to Communism, all were presented to him.

[redacted] listened but did not stop walking to his bus stop which greatly limited the time for discussion. He made no commitment but merely smiled as if to doubt the sincerity of the interviewing agent's statements. Nevertheless he did exhibit considerable

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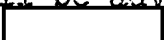
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interest. He was asked if an appointment might be made in order to fully discuss the possibilities being offered to him. He replied that he is too busy. He was told to think things over and feel free to contact the interviewing agent confidentially in the event he came to an intelligent decision or had any questions to ask.

Upon reaching the bus stop, where a small crowd had gathered, the interview was terminated in a cordial fashion.

Although  is not cooperative, he exhibits sufficient interest to warrant repeated contacts with him. He seems polite thus far and willing to listen. The Bureau will be advised of the results of future interviews with 

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DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

November 9, 1959

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Re Cleveland letter 10/5/59 and Bureau letter 10/16/59 b7D
authorizing contact with subject.

Subject operates [redacted]
Cleveland, and resides with his wife in living quarters
[redacted]

On October 30, 1959, physical surveillances of subject
were conducted by SAs [redacted]
[redacted] at his place of business. At 4:30 PM subject's
last customer left the shop, and subject was observed to
leave his shop and [redacted]

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SA [redacted] entered subject's shop and observed subject
seated at a table in another room. A [redacted]
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subject's shop. After a few minutes subject's wife
entered the shop and explained that he was eating but
would be through in a few minutes. She then returned
to the kitchen in the rear. Several minutes later
subject came into the shop, and after washing his hands
invited the agent to take a chair.

The Agent introduced himself, exhibited his credentials,
and proposed that subject be seated to discuss a matter
of mutual interest. Subject, who was formerly affable,
assumed a surely expression, and replied, "I ain't got
nothing to do with the FBI, you might as well go," and
waved his arm toward the door to his shop. The Agent
then explained the purpose of contacting him and assured
him that no questions would be asked of him. [redacted]
reiterated, "I got nothing to say to the FBI, and you

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might as well go and stop bothering the 'people,' and then retired to the rear of his dwelling.

EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

Subject exhibited a surely, antagonistic attitude and gave no indication of being willing to enter into a discussion. Therefore, no consideration is being given to recontact with him at this time.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-91)
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
J.H. BELMONT)
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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[redacted] and ReNYlet 3/16/59, reporting the last interview with
[redacted] Aulet 11/18/58, suggesting recontacts with persons
originally interviewed under the TOFFLEY program.

On 10/27/59, [redacted] was observed to leave his
residence, [redacted] by SAs ALBERT J. NOWAK and
[redacted] Subject was accompanied by a [redacted] believed
to be [redacted] and they entered an automobile bearing NY plates
[redacted] thereafter drove his daughter to a bus stop and
he was surveilled in a Bureau car to the vicinity of the [redacted]
[redacted] where he parked the car in
a parking lot. Thereafter, [redacted] left the lot and proceeded
toward the hospital on foot. When it was observed that he was alone,
he was approached by SA LAZAR with SA NOWAK observing. [redacted]
apparently recognized the Agent immediately as he began to shake his
head in the negative as the Agent approached. [redacted] stopped for
a short period on the street and the Agent informed subject that he
was being recontacted because considerable time had elapsed since
the Agents last contacted him and they believed that a man in his
position might take time to consider the matter of cooperating with
the Government. [redacted] replied that he had considered but had
reached the conclusion that there was no way in which he could help
the Government. The Agent informed [redacted] that many persons
such as himself had reached the conclusion that the U.S. Government
was worthy of their support and that the Agent believed that if
the subject would carefully examine his position that he also would
come to this conclusion. [redacted] at this point, started walking
again towards his employment and stated that he could see no value
in talking to the FBI at this time or at any other time. He stated
that he had formerly made up his mind that no useful purpose would
be served by talking to the Agent. The Agent informed [redacted]

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that it was known that he was in a position to aid the Government in many of its investigations and the information he had would be quite useful. [REDACTED] refused to make any further comment and only speeded up his pace and entered a newspaper store apparently in an effort to terminate the interview. As he was entering the store, the Agent advised him to continue to give the matter thought and if he ever changed his mind to contact the FBI. [REDACTED] refused to make any comment and the interview was terminated at this point.

EVALUATION

Throughout this short talk, [REDACTED] was not unfriendly but was firm in his refusal to be interviewed or to cooperate with the Government in any way. No further contact is planned with him at this time.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

11/12/59

ATTN.: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. J. BELMONT
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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ReBulet 10/16/59 granting authority to contact

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On the morning of 11/3/59, [redacted] was observed to leave his residence [redacted] by SAS ALFRED B. NOVAK and [redacted]. When it was noted that he was alone, he was contacted by the agents. [redacted] acknowledged his identity and the agents identified themselves with credentials and informed [redacted] they desired a personal and confidential conversation with him.

[redacted] stated that he was in a hurry and could not talk to the agents at this time. Agents attempted to secure another time when they could talk to [redacted] but he refused to agree to another contact. The agents explained to [redacted] that the purpose of the interview would be mutually advantageous to both himself and the Government as it was known that he was in position to aid the Government. [redacted] again pleaded lack of time and walked away from the agents.

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When it became obvious that [redacted] would not allow the agents any more time to converse with him the agents terminated the contact.

Throughout this contact, [redacted] seemed in a great hurry and it was noted when he left his residence he left at a fast pace; it is possible that he had a previous engagement on this date. It is believed that he should be recontacted in an effort to interview him when he is more relaxed and might give the agents sufficient time to talk to him. UACB, [redacted] will be recontacted in approximately 45 days under the Toplev Program.

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SAC, Los Angeles [redacted]

November 12, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-92)
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Reurlet 10/26/59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with our standard instruction under the Toplev program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 7 D (7) (c) AI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. She resides in [redacted] and is employed by the [redacted]. Her CP history dates back to 1948 when she was recruited into the Party by her husband. She has held [redacted] in the Los Angeles County Communist Party and has attended state CP conventions. In January, 1959, she attended a state conference of the California districts, CP, and was last known to be present at a CP meeting on 9/14/59. According to an informant [redacted] realizes the Party is wrong and she should not be in it. In view of her possible doubt and her position in the organization, it is felt we should make an approach to her under the Toplev Program.

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Reurlet 10/25/58.

Authority is granted to contact [Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Topley program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) II, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He resides in the [Redacted] New York, and in June, 1959, requested leave of absence from his position of [Redacted] New York Communist Party (CP), because he is going to school. He is attending [Redacted] New York. [Redacted] allegedly joined the CP in 1939 and has held many positions of [Redacted] the organization. He was named as [Redacted] CP [Redacted] in 1958 and as indicated above has taken a leave of absence from this position in order to attend college full time.

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Rebulet 11/18/58 suggesting that certain individuals be contacted under the Toplev Program.

[redacted] who has been identified as the [redacted] of [redacted] has been selected for interview under the Toplev Program.

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PERSONAL BACKGROUND

[redacted] was born on [redacted] to [redacted] both parents were born in [redacted] and listed their address as [redacted]

[redacted] New York and [redacted] New York were married on [redacted] New York.

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The records of the County Clerk, Kings County, Brooklyn, indicated that on [redacted] the Supreme Court of the State of New York granted a final judgement of divorce in the case of [redacted] Plaintiff, against [redacted] Defendant, because of adultery on the part of the Defendant.

The defendant was ordered to pay the plaintiff the sum of \$100.00 a month in accordance with a separation agreement entered into by the plaintiff and defendant on 2/19/45 for

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member [redacted] CP, Nor work in the [redacted] some-
time prior to 1947; attended JACS 1951 and 1952; protested
contempt citation of Elizabeth Gurley Lyman 1957; during
1957 [redacted] and his wife made numerous visits to the
residence of [redacted] Pennsylvania a
member of the Underground [redacted] CP as of
1955.

[redacted] named as the [redacted] CP [redacted]
[redacted] on 10/13/58 and still held this position as of
4/13/59. [redacted] attended numerous CP meetings and affairs
including meetings of the [redacted] CP [redacted] during
the period 9/4/58 to 4/1/59. In June, 1959 it was learned
that [redacted] had requested a leave of absence from his
position of [redacted] because he is
going to school.

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AUTHORITY NO INTERVIEW

Bureau authority is requested to contact [redacted]
under the Toplev Program. Rules applying to interviews
with security subjects will be observed.

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Assistant Dir of A. S. SECUR.

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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On 10/22/59, [redacted], unaccompanied, was observed walking east on [redacted]. He was approached by SA JOHN W. SA. [redacted], who greeted him and suggested that he pause for a moment in order that they might converse. This suggestion was objected to by SA J. WILKIN [redacted].

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[redacted] replied, "Yes again! I can listen while I'm walking. Go ahead and give your spiel."

Wilkins offered to provide replies from [redacted] in order to continue the conversation, which [redacted] consented to walk toward a nearby entrance.

As the conversation continued, however, and in order to maintain a record, [redacted] was asked his views of the recent law breaking activities of former Communist Party members known holding positions of responsibility within labor unions. [redacted] replied, "Look, I know what's going on. I thought someone going to be friendly."

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[redacted] advised that he was precisely the intent of the Agency and that only his presence and uncommunicative action [redacted] to hamper this friendly attitude.

[redacted] replied, "Look, you are not going to hold me up tonight. My time my supper was cold. I'm not looking that happen again." In departing, [redacted] was advised that he would be contacted again. [redacted] did not reply.

[redacted] will be reinterviewed within 30 days.

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ATT : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
Assistant Director A.H. BELMONT
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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On 10/22/59, [redacted] was approached, for the second time, by SAs J. WILMER MIRANDON and JOHN J. MATEMORE, for the purpose of continuing an interview under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev program. The approach was made, with maximum security insured, in the New York Port Authority Bus terminal, New York City.

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[redacted] recognized the Agents, and when asked if he had thought over the agents solicitation on the previous interview, as he had agreed, he replied, "I did not and I have no intention of doing so. I want nothing to do with the FBI."

Further efforts to engage the subject in conversation were unproductive.

It was apparent from this contact that [redacted] at this time, has no intention of cooperating with the FBI. No further contact will be made at this time. Consideration for another approach will be given in 6 months time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 11/9/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK

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ReBulet 10/9/59 authorizing recontact with subject.

It has not been possible to recontact [redacted] under secure conditions during the past month. It has been ascertained that subject recently moved to a new address, [redacted] [redacted] N.J., and that he is reportedly working. Efforts to determine subject's employment have also been negative to date.

Attempts to reinterview subject during the next 30 days will continue.

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ATT : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A.H. DELMONTE
SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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SECURITY MATTER-C

On October 28, 1959, at the intersection of [redacted] and [redacted] was approached by SAs J. WILSON, MIRANDON and JOHN J. HANMERON for the purpose of conducting an interview under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev Program.

[redacted] acknowledged his identity. The Agents introduced themselves as SAs of the FBI.

Various efforts, to draw [redacted] into conversation, were unproductive. [redacted] who had refused to pause, kept continually repeating, "no, no, no, no." b7D

The interview was terminated when [redacted] neared his place of employment.

It was apparent that [redacted] was startled when approached. Conceivably, following time for him to reflect on the interview, he might become more conversant. Therefore, [redacted] will be reinterviewed within 30 days.

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November 4, 1959

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Reurlet 10-21-59.

Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He is employed as a [redacted] New York City, and resides at [redacted] New York. [redacted] born [redacted] and informants have advised that he has been with CP objectives since the 1930's. He attended CP meetings in Washington, D. C. in early 1940's and is a former [redacted] His sister, [redacted] was a CP member in Washington, D. C. in the late 1940's and was indicted for falsely stating she had never been a member of the CP when executing Government application forms. In 1950 she was convicted. Under Toplev Program [redacted] was approached on 2-25-58 and refused to be interviewed. He was contacted again on 7-29-58 and said he appreciated the manner in which an approach had been made to his wife. He said neither he nor his wife would help the Government but since he was friendly another contact was made on 9-16-58 when he said that he could not make any comment. File discloses subject paid the CP, USA \$500 during 1958, reason unknown. Since sources have advised he is hard pressed financially, it is felt another contact should be made with him.

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In view of his employment with [redacted] [redacted] specific Bureau authority is requested for the NYO to recontact [redacted] under the TOPLIV Program in an attempt to develop him as a confidential informant. Such a contact with [redacted] would take place on the street when he is a discreet distance away from his residence and employment and follow Bureau rules applying to security subjects.

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1 Mr. Donohue

SAC, Newark

November 4, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

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Authority is granted to contact [Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: [Redacted] is on the SI, and is currently unemployed. She is reported to have been a member of the CP since 1930 and has held [Redacted] positions in the New Jersey CP until 1958. In the past year and a half there has been indications that she was associated with [Redacted] New Jersey CP [Redacted] from the CP in October, 1958, to become [Redacted] CP [Redacted] [Redacted] also has a long history of CP activity and was uncooperative when interviewed in 1954 and 1959. In view of subject's long CP affiliation and her present dissatisfaction with the leadership of the CP, USA, it is felt an approach to her should be made at this time.

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Reurlet 10-18-59.

Authority is granted to contact [Redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

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If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[Redacted] is on the Security Index. He is currently employed as a [Redacted] [Redacted] is a long-time and well-known communist. He has been described as a [Redacted] of the CP, USA and he attended [Redacted] in the early 1930's. He was convicted for violation of the LMRA, but the case was remanded by the United States Supreme Court and the indictment was later dismissed on motion of the Government. He is still connected with the [Redacted] which contains many old-time communists. In view of his long CP affiliation it is felt that if he would cooperate he could furnish considerable information of value.

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Please be advised that spot checks were made on October 12, 20, 21, 26, and 27, 1959, but the subject was not observed on the street.

Every effort will be made to interview the subject within the next thirty days on the street away from his home and employment, and the Bureau will be advised of the results.

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On October 26, 1959, Special Agents Chester A. Reilly and Edward W. Buckley observed the subject on the street walking approximately a block away from her place of employment, [redacted] New York. The subject was directly approached by Agent Buckley with Agent Reilly within earshot of the conversation. Subject admitted her identity, remarking, "Who are you?" The agent introduced himself by exhibiting his credentials, advising the subject the opportunity was being granted to her to confidentially discuss Communist Party activity if she so desired. The subject became noticeably upset and commented, "I have nothing to say--nothing to say. Leave me alone." The subject turned and walked rapidly away from the agent in the direction of [redacted]

Interview was terminated since the subject would not stop and discuss anything with the agent. No additional contacts will be made with her at this time.

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On 10/23/59, [redacted] was reinterviewed by SAs J. WILMER
MIRANDON and JOHN J. MATTIMORE at [redacted]
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[redacted] was on his way to work at the nearby [redacted]
[redacted] When approached by the Agents he refused
to stop. He acted nervously and replied in the negative when
asked if he had given consideration to the beneficial aspects
of cooperating with the FBI as presented to him several weeks
ago. [redacted] continued walking and again replied in the negative
when asked if an interview might be set up at his convenience
some time in the near future.

By this time [redacted] who had been walking rapidly,
was approaching the employee's door of [redacted]
[redacted] The interview was therefore terminated. [redacted] was
observed entering the employee's door.

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Although [redacted] refused to talk with the interviewing
Agents he obviously became extremely nervous in their presence.
It would appear likely that [redacted] is a relatively meek and
impressionable person who might eventually be cooperative.
[redacted] is small in stature and gives the impression of being
somewhat harried and excitable but lacking the courage to
stand and discuss his convictions with FBI personnel. Inasmuch
as [redacted] is uncooperative at this time, no further efforts
to reinterview him will be made in the immediate future; however,
consideration will be given to another interview after a period
of approximately 90 days.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) *7*

DATE: 11/9/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK [redacted]

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Rerep of SA RAYMOND S. BYRNE dated 10/7/59 at Newark.

Rerep set forth a lead for the Newark Office to interview the subject under SAC authority; however, since the subject [redacted] the Newark Office and has not been previously interviewed, Bureau authority is being requested to interview the subject under the Toplev Interview Program. *7*

I. BACKGROUND

Subject is a [redacted] female who was born [redacted] at [redacted] N.J., of [redacted] born parents. She attended public schools in [redacted] and is reported to have been an honor student. After graduation she worked in various factories in the area. In 1952 she married [redacted] and her whereabouts were unknown until March, 1954. [redacted] appears to have been in the CP underground from approximately 1952 until late 1955. She is known to have lived with [redacted] under fictitious names and therefore must have been fully aware of his background status. *7*

Since returning from underground status, the [redacted] and their [redacted] N.J. Because of [redacted] the subject has held only part-time employment since 1955. *7*

The subject currently resides at [redacted] N.J., and is employed part time as a [redacted] N.J.

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There is no indication the subject is in other than good health.

II. CP ACTIVITY

The subject is reported to have become interested in the CP while in [redacted]. By 1943 subject had become a [redacted] the YCL and a member of the CP and AYD. She was [redacted] CP, in 1944 and [redacted] this branch in 1945. She was [redacted] CP [redacted] in 1946 and 1947 and [redacted] to the New Jersey CP State Convention in 1948. Subject is reported to have attended a New Jersey CP school in 1952 and was believed to be trusted sufficiently to be a part of the CP underground. Subject associated with CP [redacted] [redacted] between 1943 and 1952. She continued contacts with N.J. CP leaders during 1953 and 1955. She is believed to have handled [redacted] State CP [redacted] [redacted] during 1953 and early 1954. As stated above, the subject's whereabouts were unknown from 1952 through March, 1954. She again disappeared in May, 1955, and was not located until October, 1955, at which time she and her husband were determined to be residing with a local CP [redacted]

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During 1955-56, she was in occasional contact with CP members and leaders such as [redacted]

During the 1956-57 period, subject was offered part-time employment by [redacted] for the CP national convention. She attended the [redacted] CP convention and worked at CP Headquarters. She was a close associate of [redacted]. In late 1957, she was reported to be the [redacted] a CP [redacted] and a member of the [redacted] CP Committee. She worked closely with [redacted] [redacted] and in January, 1958, when [redacted] was under attack by certain members of the [redacted] the subject strongly defended [redacted]

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In May, 1958, subject resigned as [redacted] because she disagreed with the then new policy adopted by the [redacted]. She declared herself in strong support of the [redacted]

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In September and October, 1958, [redacted] indicated that the subject was out of the CP. ✓

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In November, 1958, an [redacted] was scheduled to be held at the subject's residence. She continued to work closely with [redacted] asked her support in [redacted] ✓

In February, 1959, she attended an [redacted] at the residence of [redacted] Although she continues to be a close associate of [redacted] there is no indication of current CP activity. ✓

III. METHOD OF APPROACH

Since returning from an underground status, the subject has clearly established herself as a [redacted] [redacted] Beginning in February, 1957, when the factional dispute became intense, the subject and her husband repeatedly declared themselves on the side of the [redacted] [redacted] They have been and continue to be close supporters of [redacted] It is believed that they are a part of the group who have either become inactive or have left the CP in sympathy with [redacted] resignation. ✓

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Subject will be approached with the main objective of pointing out the left-wing, Soviet-dominated control of the CP, USA.

It is anticipated that subject will be initially approached at her residence since she is employed only part time during evenings and Saturdays as a [redacted] It is not felt that [redacted] conditions would be present if an attempt were made to interview the subject either on the way to or from her employment. ✓

Bureau authority is requested to contact the subject in accordance with existing instructions pertaining to Toplev program interviews. ✓

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Mr. Denohue

SAC, New York [redacted]

November 20, 1958

Director, FBI (100-8-99) [redacted]

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Authority is granted to contact [redacted] whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. His CP history dates back to at least 1946 when he was a member of the IWO. He is presently an [redacted]

[redacted] County CP and according to New York, within recent months subject has been active in attending meetings of [redacted]

[redacted] Subject's wife is the [redacted] [redacted] CP and a member of the [redacted] [redacted] CP Committee. She was not cooperative when contacted recently under the Toplev Program. Subject is a graduate of [redacted] and holds a [redacted]

[redacted] Massachusetts.

He is employed by the [redacted] New York Chapter, as [redacted]

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In connection with the Toplev Program, [redacted]
[redacted] CP [redacted], has been selected for interview.

BACKGROUND:

A review of the subject's file in this office reveals that the subject was born [redacted] Massachusetts. He received a [redacted] in 1924 from [redacted] in 1929 from [redacted] Massachusetts. The subject was inducted into the United States Army on [redacted] at Boston, Massachusetts, and he was discharged as a [redacted] ant from the U. S. Army Signal Corps, [redacted] His Army Serial Numbers were [redacted] The subject is married to [redacted] who is also a college graduate, and they have [redacted]

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The subject is reported to be employed by the [redacted] New York Chapter, [redacted] City, as [redacted]

CP BACKGROUND:

The subject has been active in the CP movement for many years. The file reveals the subject was a member of the IWO [redacted] having joined the IWO in June, 1946. The subject and his wife [redacted] a communication directed to Judge Harold R. Medina, SDNY, in September, 1949, protesting the trial of the 11 CP leaders who were being tried by Judge Medina. The subject and his wife [redacted] for the American Labor Party for the years 1946 through 1951. An informant advised on June 30, 1959, that the subject continues to [redacted]

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for the [redacted] CP. The same informant advised that the subject attended an enlarged meeting of the [redacted] CP Committee which was held at his residence, [redacted] on January 27, 1959. [redacted] was the guest speaker at this meeting. The same informant advised on February 11, 1959, that the subject attended an enlarged meeting of the [redacted] CP [redacted] on February 10, 1959. On May 1, 1959, the informant advised that the subject was present at a meeting of the [redacted] CP [redacted] held at his residence on the evening of April 30, 1959.

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It should be noted that the subject's wife, [redacted] [redacted] has been identified as the [redacted] of the [redacted] CP and a member of the [redacted] CP Committee. The subject's wife refused to discuss anything when the agents approached her under the Toplev Program in the recent past.

APPROACH:

The subject can be directly approached on the street either en route to or after leaving his employment. Every effort will be made to engage the subject in a conversation with the agents.

Bureau authority is requested for a direct contact with the subject under the provisions of the Toplev Program.